



STAFF REPORT

July 7, 2015

9 a.m.

Dulaney Room

Report No.: 15-13

Office of the Fire Chief

John J. Hohman, Chief

ATTENDEES: Fire Chief Hohman, Assistant Chiefs Preis and Hubbard, Chief of Staff Stewart, Division Chiefs Aubert-Utz, DiPaula, Hughes, Lurz, Miller, and Rogers, Battalion Chiefs Brown, Bycoffe, Kurrle, Lowman, Majchrzak, Tome, and Tudor, Director Griffin, and Executive Secretary Thomas

Safety Reminder: Per SOP 400-08: Tobacco Policy - The use of tobacco products is not permitted in fire stations or vehicles.

FIRST ALARM BLOG: [HTTP://BCNET.CO.BA.MD.US/AGENCIES/FIRE/FIRSTALARM](http://bcnet.co.ba.md.us/agencies/fire/firstalarm)

An ongoing dialogue about events, best practices, achievements and other matters of interest to members of the Baltimore County Fire Service.

STAFF REPORTS



CHIEF HOHMAN

- Congratulated the members below on their recent promotions, effective June 27:
 - Promoted to Division Chief:
Jennifer Aubert-Utz, Francis DiPaula, Kenneth Hughes, Paul Lurz, and Charles Rogers
 - Promoted to Battalion Chief:
Blaine Kurrle, Lawrence Majchrzak, and Charles Tudor
 - Promoted to Paramedic:
Kelsey Adams, Matthew Clancy, Michael Frey, Charnell Holloway, Holly Ludwig, April Owens, and Brandon Thomas

- Retirements:
 - FS Richard Holden – 5/19
 - Fire Lt. Timothy Wilson – 6/16
 - DC Mark Ewers – 6/18
 - FADO Gregory Murawski – 6/20

- Congratulations to Division Chief Jennifer Aubert-Utz on obtaining her Executive Fire Officer Certification from the National Fire Academy.

- Thanks to the crew of the Parkton Fire Station, D shift, for hosting the 6th annual anniversary celebration of the opening of the station. (pictured at right)



ASSISTANT CHIEF PREIS

- FS Ronald Mintz relayed the successes of the MDA camp this year. Special thanks from the MDA Committee to DC Charles Rogers for his assistance with obtaining decals for the “ladder truck” for the campers to ride in. (pictured below)



- EMS Captain Steven Adelsberger has been reappointed to the Child Fatality Review Team by Baltimore County Health Officer Dr. Gregory Branch.



COS STEWART

- Personnel Files - Sometimes in the past, you were required to send a request up your chain of command to see your personnel file; this is no longer necessary. If you want to see your file, contact Chief of Staff Stewart via email at jstewart@baltimorecountymd.gov to make an appointment.
- Station Ledgers – We no longer support the technology that was used when the electronic station ledgers were created. If a station/shift chooses to maintain a ledger, it must be done without any assistance from Fire HQ or OIT.
- Station Computers – A schedule was emailed to officers on July 7 showing when OIT plans to replace computers at each station. We will no longer be using the station sign-on’s, but you can still access the station email accounts.

The passwords for the station email accounts have been changed so that the first letter is capitalized, in conformance with security standards.

FIRE LIEUTENANT RINGGOLD'S REPORT

- Mentors - The Recruitment Division and the Fire-Rescue Academy are seeking mentors for the 106th Probationary Firefighter class. If you are interested in mentoring a recruit, please email Fire Lt. Ringgold at jringgold@baltimorecountymd.gov by July 23, 2015.



DIVISION CHIEF MILLER

- Kudos to the crews from Eastview and Brooklandville Fire Stations, C-shift, and Acting Battalion Chief Michael Acosta for the excellent teamwork that occurred at a hazardous material incident at the Back River Water Treatment Plant on June 25. They had a leak of concentrated hydrogen peroxide that caused a significant vapor cloud. A special thanks to EMS Lt. Mark Wiley for assisting with possible contaminated gear as well as the Maryland Department of the Environment's expertise.
- Thanked Lutherville VFC for hosting a battalion drill at their station. The classroom is a wonderful facility and DC Miller looks forward to using it again in the future.
- Thanked the members of C-shift for the past four (4) years of working together. He is proud of the team of professionals that provided excellent services to the citizens of Baltimore County.



DIVISION CHIEF AUBERT-UTZ

- The roof prop repairs are complete and it is back in-service.
- Summer Firefighter I and EMT-B classes are currently in progress.
- The upcoming fall training is available through [MFRI's website](#).
- Form 5 has been revised to assist Company Officers with specifying the training objectives they wish to accomplish. Once a Form 5 is received and reviewed, an Instructor will contact the Company Officer to schedule the training.
- Professional Qualification Applications for June 2015 – 50 processed
- Fit Testing – 4
- Please note: Anyone that has missed the orientation session for the upcoming EMT-I Class for 2016 may [email EMS Lt. Len Stewart](#). You must be affiliated with a Baltimore County career or volunteer company to participate. Each individual must submit a cover letter and a letter of recommendation from their station officer and career EMS District Officer/Liaison.
- The MFRI ALS Refresher has been posted on the MFRI website. Registration started July 1, 2015. Each class must have a 15 person minimum to be held due to the number of

classes requested. Any questions please [email EMS Lt. Len Stewart](#) or call x7149. [Register online](#) for the classes.

- There are 16 students that remain in the current EMT-I class and have finished class lecture. Students are finishing up their clinical hours with their preceptors and MUST have hospital clinics done prior to taking the National Registry Practical.
- We will be in need of evaluators for the National Registry EMT-I exam on Friday, August 14, 2015. Anyone that has been an evaluator in the past and current paramedic preceptors and EMS Officers are eligible. Anyone interested please [email EMS Lt. Len Stewart](#).
- The deadline for the EMT-I to EMT-P program has been extended to July 15, 2015. If you are interested in bridging to Paramedic, please get your application submitted within the next two weeks.
- The 2015-2016 EMT-I class currently has 43 students that have met the minimum requirements to attend the upcoming program. Students must have a recommendation letter from their company officers and Career EMS Lieutenants for acceptance in the program. Anyone still interested please [email EMS Lt. Len Stewart](#) or call ext. 7149 as soon as possible.
- Registration will be available online beginning July 1 through MFRI, select [Course Listings](#) to start your registration.
- All career members who wish to take MFRI courses which require medical clearance should submit a MFRI Appendix B to the Chief of Training to be completed and signed. In the absence of the Training Director, the Chief of Safety will complete the forms. It will no longer be necessary for personnel to take the Appendix to their primary doctor, the annual medical compliance form can be used to validate this information. Any questions should be discussed with DC Rogers or DC Aubert-Utz.
- Current course offerings:

HazMat Core Competency Volunteer Weekend	July 25	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Baltimore County Fire-Rescue Academy
CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens Volunteer Weekend	July 12	8 a.m. to Noon CPR 1 to 2:30 p.m. BBP	Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company 40 East Sudbrook Lane Pikesville, MD 21208
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Refresher MFRI Course	Dates available through MFRI	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Public Safety Building 3rd Floor, Hampton Rm 700 East Joppa Road Baltimore, MD 21286



DIVISION CHIEF DiPAULA

- Congratulations to PFF Jason Wurzbacher (10-C) and PFF Andrew Hale (17-C) for being cleared as backup engine drivers.



DIVISION CHIEF HUGHES

- Thanks to the Logistics Division for their assistance with the recent repair of our physical fitness equipment.

The following physical fitness equipment has been repaired:

Lat Pulldown at Station 55	Elliptical at Station 13
Treadmill at Station 13	Treadmill at Station 16
Treadmill at Station 15	

Repairs are pending for the following physical fitness equipment:

Treadmill at Station 2	Elliptical at Station 11
Elliptical at Station 17	Treadmill at Station 3

If you have a repair request, please contact DC Hughes.



DIVISION CHIEF LURZ

- Thanks to the members of the 1st Battalion, B-shift, for making me feel welcome during my short stay on B-shift.
- Kudos to FS Leroy Edmunds for his quick and skillful repair of his vintage Ward LaFrance fire engine during this year's Kingsville Fourth of July Parade. *(pictured right, Leroy applying his mechanical skills)*



DIVISION CHIEF ROGERS

- Safety Report:

REPORT DATE:7/7/15			
	Total	Year-to-Date Total	Comparison YTD 2014 Total
<u>VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:</u>			Through: 7/7/14
15-102 – 15-123	22	123	102
<u>INJURIES:</u>			
090 – 107	18	107	110
<u>EXPOSURES:</u>			
Clinical:6/10/15-7/7/15	0	10	

Environmental: 6/10/15-7/7/15	0	5	
Industrial:6/10/15-7/7/15	8	8	
TOTAL EXPOSURES:	8	23	26

EMS LT. WILEY’S REPORT

- Out of Service 1st Line Apparatus

M-07	Fire Maintenance Shop	Transmission Issues	07/05/2015
M-16	Fire Maintenance Shop	Warranty Issues	07/01/2015
M-17	Fire Maintenance Shop	Electrical Issues	06/24/2015
M-55	Fire Maintenance Shop	Engine and Electrical issues	06/27/2015
M-56	Fire Maintenance	Engine and transmission Issues	06/06/2015
E-1	Fire Maintenance	PM/DOT	06/21/2015
E-5	Fire Maintenance	189s	06/09/2015
E-71	Fire Maintenance	Body work, 189	005/13/2015
E-15	Fire Maintenance	Water damage	06/27/2015
T-15	DPC	Warranty work	5/22/2015
T-18	Peter Spring	Broken Springs/ Generator	03/01/2015

- The Lucas CPR devices have been delivered.
- The audit of Supply has been completed.
- The Thermal Imaging Cameras have been distributed to the truck companies.
- New Engine 18 has been placed in service.
- BA Report:

2015	Previous Report	Current Report	Current Total
Air-Paks	19	12	322
Masks	25	17	116
Cylinders	1	2	16
Cascades	1	1	9
Fit Tests	0	0	0
Oxygen Repairs	5	10	98

- BSRs - 42 PLYMOVENT - 5



BATTALION CHIEF BYCOFFE

- Recognized the members of the Towson Fire Station, A-shift, for a job well done by on a fire with rescue that occurred on the morning of June 28. Crews encountered a bedroom fire in a home with a large amount of debris which significantly hindered search operations. The scene was further complicated by conflicting reports of the status of the residents of the home. By doing a thorough, coordinated, room to room search, crews were able to locate and remove the victim quickly.

- Truck crews are reminded to contact your respective BC/DC if you have video or still images that you would like downloaded from the new Draeger Thermal Imaging Cameras.
- National Night Out will be August 4, 2014 this year (C-shift). Station officers are reminded to notify the Public Education Office at ext. 3344 with any requests for Fire Department participation in this or any other public event.



BATTALION CHIEF KURRE

- Attended the Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants IFTAR dinner on June 19, along with crews from the Catonsville Fire Station. Crews from the Westview Fire Station, along with EMS-2 attended the dinner on July 3.
- Crews from the Westview, Woodlawn, Catonsville, Pikesville, and Randallstown Fire Stations, and Arbutus VFD, prevented a fire from extending beyond the basement of a single family home during the violent storms on June 20. The fire was sparked by a lightning strike that did considerable structural damage to the foundation of the home. Crews did a great job under extreme weather conditions.



BATTALION CHIEF LOWMAN

- Thanked the members of the 2nd Battalion, C-shift, for their help and assistance over the last four months. He looks forward to working with 3rd Battalion, D-shift.
- Attended the Baltimore Regional Incident Management Team's Incident Action Plan exercise on June 25 at Howard County's James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center.



BATTALION CHIEF MAJCHRZAK

- Thanked all those that have assisted him with the transition to Battalion Chief.
- Thanked the following for their assistance completing a difficult job in conjunction with Baltimore County Code Enforcement: Fire Captain Shawn Auld and the crew of Engine 12, Fire Lieutenant Frank Hudnet and the crew of Engine 71, EMS Lieutenant Mark Wiley and the staff at Fire Supply, Detective Dale Green (Police Hazardous Device Team) and Fire Lieutenant Morgan Lambert and the crew of HazMat-114 and Engine 14. Three County agencies worked well as a team to accomplish this necessary task.



BATTALION CHIEF TOME

- Drivers Simulator – 12 members participated
- On the evening of June 12, crews from E-7, M-7, Squad 523, Marine 219, and M-12 responded to a drowning with possible electrocution at Markley's Marina. Engine 7's crew was able to quickly locate the victim from the pier in

approximately fourteen feet of water. The victim was brought to the surface and lifted to the pier with a backboard. CPR was initiated. Although the victim did not survive his injuries, crews are to be acknowledged for their swift action and valiant efforts.

Engine 7

Fire Lt. David Westbrook
FADO Julius DeManss
FS Edward Gail
EMT/FF Gregory Watson

Medic 7

PM Joseph Brush
EMT/FF Edward Campitelli
Act. EMS Lt. Kevin George

- Crews from B-shift conducted a Battalion Drill at White Marsh Mall, simulating a fire in a restaurant and storage area with rescue. This drill allowed Mall Security to conduct fire drill operations with staff and expose them to the Incident Command System. Crews were able to become familiar with the new markings of back hallways developed by the Fire Marshal's Office, facility layout and fire pump capabilities. Units in attendance included E-8, T-8, M-8, EMS-6, E-201, E-202, E-55, M-55, E-16, M-16, E-12, M-12, DC-1, BC-32, and BC-33.
- On June 11, Retired Battalion Chief Thomas Kimbel received the Rosedale American Legion Post #180, 2015 Firefighter of the Year award. (pictured below)



RECOGNITIONS

- A citizen called to express his sincere appreciation to the crews that assisted him on two separate occasions. He stated that they all were so kind, reassuring, patient helpful and had a good sense of humor. The crew who assisted him were **PM/FF William Fitzpatrick, PEMT Mario Chauvin, PM/FF Jason Russell** and **EMT Michael Rill**.
- A citizen wrote to thank **Fire Captain Thomas Rouillard** and **FS Jeffrey Geho** for teaching his son's daycare about fire safety. The children really enjoyed the presentation and felt the entire team at the Westview Fire Station was caring and professional.
- Chief Derek Bowser of the Lansdowne VFD wrote to thank the members of the Woodlawn Fire Station who spoke with members of his station who were dealing with a tragic incident. Both **Fire Lt. Duane Ludwig** and **FADO Stacey Curtis** were compassionate and professional. He also thanked **Fire Lt. Raymond Gill** and **PM Krystal Kelly** for their assistance in getting the CISM Team process started.
- **Fire Captain Paul Schlossnagle, FADO Michael Mather, FS David Oliphant, and EMT/FF Darryl McCray** were thanked by a citizen for the assistance they provided with a carbon monoxide issue.
- Lt. Peter Swann with the Baltimore City Fire Department wrote to commend **EMT/FF Kirsten Koenig**. While attending a funeral in the City, EMT/FF Koenig encountered a citizen experiencing a medical emergency. She quickly came to the assistance of the citizen and helped the responding crews package the patient for transport.
- **PM/FF Maria Owens** and **PEMT Ronald Cardwell** were thanked by a citizen for the care they provided to her following an injury in her home.

- On Saturday May 9, 2015, members of the **Guardian Knights, Inc.** completed their initial clean-up for the Adopt-A-Highway program. The roadway they adopted is the portion of York Road between Ridgley and Timonium Roads. Road signs indicating their participation are now in place. In accordance with the State Highway Administration, they are scheduled to clean-up their sponsored section of roadway quarterly. (*pictured at right*)



Next Staff meeting: Tuesday, July 21 at 9 a.m. in the Dulaney Room

PRINCIPLES OF MODERN FIRE ATTACK:

SLICE-RS

8 hour class:
July 26, 2015
8am-5pm



NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

9250 FAIRVIEW POINT ROAD
APG EDGEWOOD, MD

8-hour PMFA: SLICE-RS open to chief officers, instructors, company officers & firefighters this class introduces modern fire behavior and changes to fire attack within the profession based on research findings

Hosted by:



8-hour
Curriculum is
free for first 150
students

Lunch will not be provided.
Area restaurants available or
bring lunch/snacks

To register visit www.mfri.org (deadline is July 17, 2015)