



Fully Involved

A Newsletter of the Henrico County Division of Fire



April 2018

Division of Fire's Short Pump Firehouse 19



It seems like it wasn't long ago that the county secured a construction contract to begin breaking ground on Firehouse 19. It was in October 2016 that the work started with a completion goal of early spring 2018.

March 3 marked the official date Firehouse 19 became operational, with the exception of Truck 19. Just a year prior, Fire Medic 19 became operational and started its call volume while temporarily stationed at Firehouse 21.

Firehouse 19, located at 12324 Kain Road in Glen Allen, staffs 34 Division of Fire personnel to operate a fire medic, engine, and ladder truck. This Firehouse slightly differs from other County Firehouses, and firehouses most anywhere for that matter, consisting of features such as single-person bunkrooms and high-speed four-fold bay doors.

The dedication of Short Pump Firehouse 19 took place April 28, 10am-2pm and was heavily attended by the community as well as many elected officials from every level of government and the county manager.

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HOUSE FIRE ON HICKORYWOOD CIRCLE



On Dec 21, Henrico firefighters responded to the 400 block of Hickorywood Circle in the county's east end. Firefighters arrived to find flames shooting from a second-floor window on the back of the involved home.



Firefighters quickly controlled this blaze. One adult male, that was home at the time of the fire, was transported to VCU.

When firefighters entered the attached townhomes to look for other victims and fire spread, they located a dog in a smokey environment and were able to rescue the dog unharmed.

VEHICLE FIRE ON SPRINGFIELD RD.



On Feb 27, companies in Henrico County's west end were dispatched for a vehicle fire on Springfield Rd., at the intersection of Hungary and Gaskins Road.

Crews quickly extinguished the fire and no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire was undetermined.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY



Firehouse 21C is pleased to announce the birth of **Justice Elijah Thorpe**, born Jan 19 at 9lbs 22oz and 22 inches long. **FF Justin Thorpe** and family are all doing well.

Dec 31 **Retired Firefighter Cliff "Barney" Saunders** passed away. He had a short, but hard fought battle with lung cancer. He served the DOF for 28 years at Stations 12, 10, and 16.

Feb 8 **Cecil O'Berry**, husband of **Jean O'Berry**, passed away. Jean was a long time county employee and was the DOF's business manager for many years.

Mar 16 **Retired Deputy Chief Mike Cox** father passed away.

Mar 18 **FF Mark Furgurson** of the FMO, his grandmother Charlene Martin passed away.



Welcome to the family men and women of the 69th Division of Fire Academy

CONGRATULATIONS

25 Years of Service

FF William Cornett	Firehouse 18A
FF Matthew Dix	Firehouse 5B
Lt. Matthew Elmendorf	Firehouse 8C
FF Randal Ginn	Firehouse 12B
FF Kevin Jones	Firehouse 18A
FF Paul Pavey	Firehouse 12B
Lt. Kevin Rush	Firehouse 10A

20 Years of Service

FF Cameron Blankenship	Firehouse 15C
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10 Years of Service

FF Karter Baker	Firehouse 1A
FF Michael Bassett	Firehouse 1B
FF Thomas Beadles	Firehouse 19C
Lt. Brian Blankenship	Firehouse 13A
FF Sydnor Brinkley	Firehouse 15C
FF Michael Chambers	Firehouse 5C
Laura Cleveland	Fire Admin
FF Christopher Cumby	Firehouse 12A
FF Timother Farrar	Firehouse 22A
FF William Forrest	Firehouse 3B
Lt. David Jaconski	Firehouse 22B
Lt. Joseph Johnson	Firehouse 7C
Lt. Donald Lucas	Firehouse 9B
FF Joseph Moore	Firehouse 12A
FF Ross Murray	Firehouse 6A
FF Richard Palmer	Firehouse 7C
Lt. Kevin Pond	Fire Admin
FF Kenneth Waters	Firehouse 12B
Lt. William West	Firehouse 12A
FF Richard Xedos	Firehouse 15B

15 Years of Service

FF Mathew Blankenship	Fire Training
FF Stephen Conley	Firehouse 21C
FF William Hayden	Firehouse 18B
FF William Ingersoll	Fire Marshal
Lt. David Jennings	Firehouse 10B
Lt. Kenneth McClelland	Firehouse 19C
FF Christopher Powell	Firehouse 2A
FF David Reid	Firehouse 19A
FF Bryan Smith	Firehouse 21A
Lt. Richard Stone	Firehouse 4A
FF Stephen Wagner	Firehouse 14A

1 Year of Service

FF Christopher Colley	Firehouse 16C
FF Somphou Gi	Firehouse 1C
FF Trevor Martin	Firehouse 5B
FF Joseph Middleton	Firehouse 22B
FF Stone Roberts	Firehouse 13C
FF Benjamin Sears	Firehouse 3C
FF Robert Stirling	Firehouse 14A
FF Jason White	Firehouse 9A

Career Development Promotion to Firefighter III

FF Julian Day	Firehouse 9C
FF Kendall Elder	Firehouse 12C
FF Bryan Estes	Firehouse 21B
FF Ethan Huey	Firehouse 5A
FF Jack Hylan	Firehouse 6C
FF William Moon	Firehouse 1A
FF Patrick Nixon	Firehouse 10C
FF Nicholas Petro	Firehouse 2B
FF Daniel Singleton	Firehouse 13B
FF Kevin Sinh	Firehouse 22B
FF Harry Smith	Firehouse 9B
FF Christopher Sullard	Firehouse 17A
FF Bradley Thomson	Firehouse 11B

PROMOTIONS



Lieutenant Kerry Anderson

Originally from Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Kerry Anderson started his emergency services career with Wise County Rescue Squad in 1982. After studying at Virginia Tech, he moved to Hanover County, joining the Ashland Volunteer Rescue Squad and Hanover Courthouse Volunteer Fire Department in 1985 and 1986, respectively. During this time, Kerry worked at Kings Dominion as Loss Prevention Safety Operations Supervisor. Kerry became certified as a Firefighter III in 1988, Cardiac Technician in the same year, and graduated VCU's Paramedic program in 1991. He was employed with Hanover County EMS as a career paramedic in 1995, and then moved to Memorial Regional Medical Center as ED paramedic in 2001. In 2005, Kerry joined Henrico Fire, where he has been stationed at #4, #5, #13, and #21. Kerry is a HazMat Specialist on the HIT team as well as a Field Training Medic. He serves on the Awards Committee as well as the Training Software Search Committee. Kerry has been married to the woman of his dreams, Kandi Anderson, for a blessed 19 years, raising five children, three boys and two girls. He officiated high school football for the Central Virginia Football Officials Association for ten years prior to coming to the Division of Fire.



Lieutenant Byron Burton

Byron Burton began his career with the Division of Fire on March 22, 2006. During his time with the Division he served at Firehouses 3 and 10 before joining the Training Division in February of 2016. While in training, Byron was an instructor for four academies including serving as the Lead Instructor of Recruit School 69. He is a released Truck Operator and an instructor in Firefighter I and II, EVOC, and CIT. Prior to coming to the Division, Byron spent nine years with the United States Navy.



Lieutenant Justin Finan

Justin Finan has served the Division since March of 2009. He started his fire service career in 2000 as a volunteer for Hanover County Fire & EMS where he is a life member and still volunteers. He has been assigned to Firehouses 4 and 6, both for two tours. He spent the last year in the Fire Marshal's Office where he has taken the lead role in the Division's Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention Program. Justin serves on the Professional Development Committee, the Human Relations Committee, and the Retirement Committee. He has also been very involved with the Bike Team, WPE/ CPAT cadre, the Division Explorer Post 651, and is an adjunct instructor for Training. Several years ago, Justin established the Henrico Fire Quartet which is part of the Honor Guard and has performed at dozens of ceremonies and events across the state. He is one of a few people in the state that has completed both the Fire Officer IV and Fire Instructor III courses through VDFP as well as over 50 other VDFP courses. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Safety, Security & Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Protection Engineering Technology with an emphasis in Fire, Explosion & Arson Investigation from EKU; additionally, he has an Associate of Science Degree in Police Studies from EKU and an Associate of Applied Science from J. Sargeant Reynolds in Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic.



Lieutenant David "DJ" Jennings

David "DJ" Jennings has served the Division of Fire for 15 years. During his career DJ has been assigned to Firehouses 1, 2, and 17. DJ served on the Chief's Advisory Committee for two years and completed CIT in 2015. While assigned to Firehouses 2 & 17, he was released as an operational diver, Marine 2 operator and certified through ERDI to teach Swiftwater Rescue. He has been assigned to Firehouse 1 twice, during which time he was released as a truck operator, completed his Technical Rescue training in all disciplines, and attended FEMA's 2017 Structural Collapse Technician School. DJ has been vital in establishing the swiftwater rescue component at Firehouse 1 and has been responsible for training other members of Firehouse 1.



Lieutenant Forrest "Ben" Nuckols

Forrest "Ben" Nuckols has been employed with the Division of Fire for 13 years. He has a total of twenty-five years experience in the fire service, having volunteered in Hanover County since 1993. His career in Henrico began at Station 12 in 2004 where he was assigned to both the engine and truck companies. He was then assigned to the Training Division where he was responsible for the drill facility as well as teaching new recruits. His current assignment is at Station 21 where he received his Hazmat Technician certification in 2016. He is an active member of the Hazardous Incident Team, and has been assigned to the Safety Committee, Firehouse Naming Committee, PPE Committee, Burn Team, and Awards Committee. He was recently assigned to the DPO Cadre and Peer Support Group. He has numerous certifications through the fire service. He lives in Beaverdam with his wife Corina and their two children, Mason & Marissa.



Lieutenant Frankie Otey

Frankie Otey has over 20 years of career firefighting experience. He began his career in the City of Hampton where he spent 5 ½ years as an ALS provider and truck company firefighter. He served in the Marine Corp Reserve for 6 years. He began in Henrico in 2002. Frankie's first Firehouse was 5 where he progressed through his career steps and became an Acting Officer. While at Firehouse 5 he was an A-shift liaison to the TIC shop. Frankie then transferred to Firehouse 21, where he became certified as a HazMat Specialist. Along with HazMat, Frankie has continued his HTR studies and was assigned to Squad 21. He has taught HazMat operations to recruits and incumbents, and has been an instructor for the HazMat Technician program. Frankie is a Foam technician, a certified CIT member, and a member of the Henrico IMT where he has served in logistics for RIR Races and the Central VA All Hazards IMT. He is a Field Training Medic, served on the initial Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT), and helped establish the MDC Shop.



Lieutenant James A. Stenhouse

James A. Stenhouse has served the Division for 13 years. "House" has served at Firehouses 11 and 21, and was a squad operator in his role at Firehouse 21. As a member of the Hazardous Materials Team, he has met all of the training requirements to become a Hazardous Materials Specialist. He served as the county-wide Foam Shop Manager and has received the National Foam Technician Level I, II, and III training. His organizational involvement includes being a proctor for both the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and Work Performance Evaluation (WPE). James is also a member of the Human Relations Committee and the Family Assistance and Support Team (FAST). He is a graduate of the Virginia Fire Officer Academy, has earned an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Liberty University.

THE HENRICO WAY



Rarely do Henrico Firefighters seek recognition, but sometimes a little recognition is deserved for their desire to serve the citizens of the county, both on and off duty. Over the weekend of Feb 16, **Firefighter Matthew Daughtery** and **Lt. Michael Boisseau** delivered a baby boy at Firehouse 6 after a woman in labor pulled into the parking lot in the pouring rain. The birth took about 8-10 minutes, leaving no time for mom to make it to the hospital. During the same weekend, **Firefighter Tunde Ogun** was on a nearby treadmill when a citizen collapsed while working out in the same gym. Ogun used a wall-mounted defibrillator (AED) to help the citizen, who lived to express his gratefulness to the firefighter and the quick response time of the ambulance. On Feb 11, **Firefighter Kathy Palmer** and **Lt. Curt Lovins** pushed a citizen almost a mile to his home after his electric wheelchair malfunctioned. Great job Henrico Division of Fire! Thank you for always being an example of the “Henrico Way” while on and off duty.



FIRE FITNESS

Fitness plays a huge part in a firefighter's career. Whether climbing ladders, carrying hose, lifting patients, training, using various tools etc., a firefighter must always maintain a quality level of cardiovascular fitness and strength to properly, and safely, perform necessary skills and tasks on a daily basis.

Although fitness is a daily requirement while on-duty, several firefighters continue to engage in other fitness activities off-duty as well.



Firefighter Alex Hall (10C) will begin a 1,000 mile run on Memorial Day, May 28, to support suicide prevention and mental health awareness. The run is called the SOS 1,000 Mile Run and will raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Alex and his running partner will be running 1,000 miles together in 25 days, which averages 40 miles per day. They will run the entire Bruce Trail in Ontario, Canada from north to south, then continue on to run the Erie Canalway Trail in upstate New York from Buffalo to Albany. Good luck Alex!



Lt. Scott McClelland (19C) has been competing in the 2018 Crossfit Open, with hopes of qualifying for the Crossfit games in the Masters division. Scott finished 7th overall (out of 2,772 competitors) in the mid-Atlantic region during the Open, and 94th overall in the world (out of 44,665 competitors) in his age group. Scott will now move to the regionals in hopes of qualifying for the Crossfit games this summer. Great job Scott!



Healthy Sriracha Shredded Chicken Tacos



Ingredients:

- 2 thinly sliced chicken breasts
- 2 Tbsp Sriracha
- 6 corn tortillas
- 1 cup chopped red cabbage
- 1/2 cup chopped peppers
- 1/4 cup feta cheese
- 1 lime

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Place the chicken breasts on a baking sheet and top with Sriracha. Bake for 30 minutes (or until they're fully cooked).
3. While the chicken is baking, heat the tortillas up (optional).
4. Top each tortilla with chopped red cabbage and chopped peppers.
5. When the chicken has finished baking, shred it and place in the tortillas.
6. Top each taco with feta cheese and a drizzle of lime. Enjoy!



FMO Corner

The Fire Marshal's office is responsible for enforcing the current Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as well as: issuing permits, performing safety inspections, reviewing plans for development, investigations of incidents involving fires, environmental crimes and bombings, as well as public education, public information and other related issues.

The office conducts an average of three hundred fire investigations annually, with a clearance rate well above the national average. Assistant Fire Marshals conduct well over a thousand business inspections each year. In the average year, they issue over a thousand certificates of occupancy, as well as permits for burning, blasting and welding. The office has a Fire Protection Engineer, who performs the review on all plans of development; these amount to several hundred a year. In addition, personnel assigned to our fire stations perform approximately three to four thousand inspections of small businesses annually.

Burn Laws

Burning of leaves is only permitted in areas of Henrico County that do not have bagged leaf pickup service.

This burning can only be done from 8 AM to 8 PM.

For more information on pickup schedules and areas not covered see:
<http://henrico.us/services/bagged-leaf-collection/>

No other open burning is allowed without a Permit

Fireworks

It is **illegal** to possess, display or sell fireworks in Henrico

Contact

FireMarshal@henrico.us
804.501.4900

Outdoor Entertainment Fires

A **bonfire** is an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes but is not the same thing as a "recreational fire".

A **recreational fire** is defined as an outdoor fire burning materials, other than rubbish, where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.



Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires

Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years from 2006 – 2012

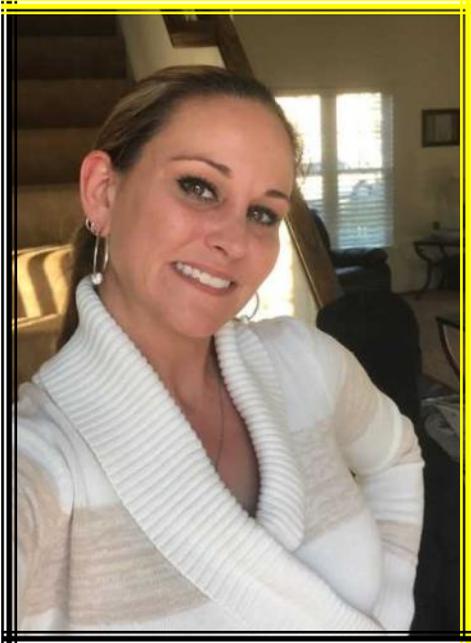
An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis, or BBQs each year

1. Before setting up a campfire, or bonfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with the County Fire Marshal
2. Outdoor fires should be at least 25 feet away from any structure and any thing that can burn
3. Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
4. Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
5. Attend to the campfire at all times.
6. Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire.

FACES BEHIND 911

Ever wonder who you are speaking to after dialing 911?
Meet the Communications Officers of Henrico County.

Each edition of Fully Involved will feature an employee until all the faces behind the calls have been revealed



Leah Garcia is the Communications Supervisor and Training Supervisor assigned to dayshift. She has been with Communications for 13 years and a supervisor for eight.

Leah has three daughters, Hayle (18), Savannah (17), and Maya (8). She also has two dogs, Sky an Australian Shepherd Poodle mix who is deaf, and Bear an Australian Sheppard.

Alysa Morgan has been with the Division of Police since 2000. She is a Department of Criminal Justice General Instructor and a VCIN Instructor, and has served as a Recruiter, 911 Shift Supervisor, Training Supervisor, Administrative Communications Supervisor, and Accreditation Manager.

Alysa currently serves as the Senior Communications Supervisor on dayshift. She loves to read and has a seven year old son named Jack.



The Way it Was: 1970-1980

Building Upon the Foundation Laid by Our Predecessors

This section of the newsletter is inspired by Retired Volunteer Firefighter David Nowell. Nowell was a volunteer at Engine Company #8 from 1971-1979 and transferred to Engine Company #9 from 1979-1982. In 1975 he was certified as a pump operator by Battalion Chief Dawson and also certified as a Class 3 volunteer firefighter by Chief Fisher. In 1977, Nowell became an EMT.

As the Division of Fire and fire services in general continue to evolve, we would like to take a moment to remember what it was like "back in the day" by highlighting a photo, along with its story, to help some reminisce about, or to be inspired by, Henrico's historical moments.

The fire services have come a long way over the past three to four decades. Although Henrico County is currently a career department, decades ago volunteer firefighters accounted for much of its personnel. It was not uncommon for citizens to assist in firefighting operations, or to be present very close to the fire scene. The following are a few black and white photos taken in the late 20th century. Notice the difference in apparatus, the number of firefighters operating a hoseline and the lack of, or differences in, turnout gear.





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ISO CLASS 1

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE(S)
April Retiree Breakfasts	West: April 4 (0730-0930) East: April 19 (0900-1100) Last breakfast at Shoneys
NASCAR races	April 20 and 21 (April 22 rain date)
Firehouse 19 grand opening	April 28, 1000-1400
CPSE Accreditation peer team site visit	April 29 - May 3
Henrico Fire Officer Academy	April 30 - May 4
May Retiree Breakfasts	West: May 2 (0800—0930) East: May 17 (0900 -1100) New location: VFW 7168 7168 Flag Ln. Mechanicsville
Memorial Day, administration offices closed	May 28
June Retiree Breakfasts	West: June 6 (0800-0930) East: June 21 (0900-1100)

Kitchen Table Topics

Henrico Fire is entering the Training and Implementation phase of the new emergency medical dispatch (EMD) system. The system will be able to generate nearly 4000 possible responses between Fire & Medical. We can customize our response package, time standard, and driving code. A group of DOF personnel comprised of members from the EMS OPS committee and Suppression OPS committee will begin the process on April 9 of determining what to send and how fast. This will take several months to complete. Training of the ECC personnel will begin in June and will extend into August. September 1st is the Go Live date for the Medical component. We will not go live until the system is thoroughly tested and performing according to our expectations. Additional information and training will be forthcoming.