

The All Hands

It takes all of us working together, to get the job done!

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Deputy Chief's Message—Be the Best You Can Be—Today!

By Darrel Donatto

Deputy Chief



I am certain each and everyone of you wants to make a difference. Each of you wants to leave behind a legacy - lasting positive memories in the minds of those around you. Whether it be for a year, three years, ten years, or an entire career - each of you wants your time here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue to count, to make a difference.

We all made a choice to be public servants, and thus there is something inside of us that makes you want to help others - to make a difference for the people we serve. There is nothing like that feeling you get when you were a part of saving someone's life. That is something you never forget.

The fire service is like a family. You spend a lot of time with the people you work with. You become close friends; you count on each other. Because of that bond, you want to make a difference in the lives of your fellow firefighters. You want them to do well; you want them to be successful. You want your fellow firefighters to find joy in this great profession.

We all have a family at home. Whether it be our parents, our brothers and sisters, our wives or husbands, our children - we all have a group of people who love us, who care about us, and who want to see us succeed. For our family, we want our careers to be meaningful. We want to be able to provide a safe and secure home, a good standard of living, a good future for our children, and to make our parents and loved ones proud of the work they poured into us and the sacrifices they made for us.

We all have an ego. It sounds bad to say it, but it is true, we all have that something inside of us that makes us feel good when we do well, when we are successful, when we accomplish our goals and ambitions. We were created this way on purpose. This feeling helps push us to do better and more than our minds think we can.

However, wanting and doing are two very different things. The poet Samuel Johnson was credited with saying: "Hell is paved with good intentions." Wanting to do good, wanting to be successful, wanting to add value to others, wanting to help people - none of these are bad things. But if you don't act upon them - it won't make a difference. If you want to go to Key West, and you get on I-95 and drive north, you will never get to where you want to go. It is not our intentions that make a difference - it is our actions.



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Administrative Update

By Brodie Atwater

Assistant Chief

It's been another busy month or so here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue. The following information has been compiled in an effort to keep everyone up to date on what's been happening in the Department:

- A Rescue truck was sent to the Palm Beach County vehicle maintenance shop for its annual preventative maintenance and needed repairs. This service is performed on all of the department's apparatus. The service includes a detailed check of all vehicle systems as well as any needed repairs and required maintenance procedures.
- Updates are still ongoing at Station 3, Lt. Bassford has added several large photos of department personnel performing fire rescue duties. She has also added updated office furniture to the Lieutenant's office area. The granite counter top has been installed in the sink area and the backsplash is being fabricated. These changes are part of the ongoing update to the station which will enhance its overall appeal. Thanks to Lt. Bassford for her work on this project.
- All Genesis extrication equipment received an annual inspection and service which was completed by an outside vendor through the P.B. County vehicle maintenance shop.
- The replacement of the emergency station generator at Station 2 continues to move forward. The new generator is in place, fuel lines have been run, and related equipment has been installed. The next step will be the installation of updated electrical panels and the generator will be placed in service.
- New recliners have been purchased for station 3. These chairs were part of the budgeted station updates for FY16. Thanks to Lt. Bonfante for taking this project on. He evaluated several different chairs, obtained pricing, and handled the pickup and delivery to the station.
- Several pieces of extrication and stabilization equipment have been approved for donation to the West Palm Beach FD Special Operations unit. This equipment will be added to the inventory of the unit which is the regional response team for the Town.
- The crew at Station 2 will be re-installing the wooden components of the hose drying rack located along the south side of the station. The original wood was last replaced approx. 25 years ago and was removed due to its poor condition and safety concerns. Thanks to Lt. Ward and Station Commander Sekula for taking on this project.
- The MagneGrip vehicle exhaust removal system installation has been nearly completed. One additional transmitter needs to be installed in the reserve Engine and a new transmitter needs to be added to the reserve Rescue. All units will be programmed to activate the system at any station in the very near future. A new procedure for the use of the system has been created. Activation of the system at Station 3 has been temporarily delayed due to a problem with the system exhaust motor. The repairs are being coordinated by Public Works and will be completed by an outside vendor.
- Sand continues to be pumped at Phipp's Ocean Park as part of the ongoing beach re-nourishment. Good progress is being made despite the project being interrupted several times due to bad weather conditions. Ocean Rescue personnel have worked diligently to keep the beach open and usable by the public as much as possible during this project.



EMS Division

By Jimmy Duane

As most have already realized, the season has begun here in the Town of Palm Beach. Starting after Thanksgiving, medical calls have steadily increased in occurrences and severity of incident types. After reviewing the last 30 days of patients treated, it is glaringly evident that the crews are doing a phenomenal job with the level of care the patients are receiving.

The shifts ran a total of 228 calls with 145 of them comprising of medical and the remainder were fire calls. Of the medical runs, some significant events occurred. We had 3 trauma alerts called; a construction accident with a 25' fall, a gunshot wound to the head and a pedestrian hit by car, all of which were ground transported to St. Mary's Trauma Center, all of which left the hospital, recovering from their injuries.

In addition to the trauma alerts, we had 2 stroke alerts and 1 STEMI alert patient that were treated and transported to the appropriate facilities. The STEMI alert was quickly captured through a 12 lead ECG, transmitted to the hospital for confirmation and the patient immediately was sent to the cardiac catheterization lab for a stent. Again, all patients left the hospital to recover from their illness.

The most significant of calls was a cardiac arrest patient. The crews responded to a patient that had been in cardiac arrest for 18 minutes prior to our arrival. After quickly assessing the patient, resuscitative efforts began with high quality CPR, immediately followed by a defibrillation, which ultimately put the patient in a normal sinus rhythm. By the time the Rescue arrived at the hospital, the patient had strong pulses and blood pressure. After a week-long stay at Good Samaritan Hospital, the patient was transferred, fully neurologically intact to a local hospital where he underwent surgery to repair other related issues. Now we read about calls like this and say "what a great job they did", it didn't end there. Later that evening it was known that the patient's wife was at home alone awaiting the arrival of family, who would be flying in that night. Knowing this, the same crew decided to bring the wife a hot cooked meal and offer any assistance that she may need...still not done. The crew also made sure that they followed up days later with the patient who was now sitting up on a chair, out of bed, talking without any deficits. The patient was so thankful for having the opportunity for being able to spend time again with his family and having a second chance at life.

This call, like all of the other calls mentioned are examples of the quality of care we deliver here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue. Every day we run medical calls of varying nature, some that are very routine, and some that are extremely urgent, requiring immediate lifesaving procedures. Each of these patients were treated and transported to the appropriate facility able to handle their care, received definitive treatment and were released to return to their families. Great job to everyone out there doing what you do, making the Town a safe place to visit and live!

Farewell



F/F Christopher Wetherington was hired with Palm Beach Fire Rescue on 09/28/2015 and in his 3 months at the department has shown himself to be hardworking and enthusiastic. Christopher is a hard working individual who is motivated and always keeps himself busy. His crew can always count on him when there is work to be done to help and improve things around the fire house. Christopher is always eager to learn and train with his crew. His passion and positive attitude for the job will be sorely missed. Christopher has accepted a firefighter position with a local Fire Department where I am sure he will continue to excel and bring pride to the profession. Best of luck Christopher, we will miss you!

Deputy Chief's Message (con't)

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That is why today, you need to be the best you can be. You need to act now - not later. You need to train hard in the services you provide to the community. You need to learn more about the fire service, the newest science that applies to fighting fires and being a paramedic. You need to be focused on the next promotion ahead of you - even if you have only been on the job for a few months. None of us can read the future. None of us knows exactly what opportunities will present themselves and when they will emerge. You need to prepare now for the opportunity that may come because if you wait for it to show up before you prepare - it will be too late.

There are so many great people in this organization - with so much potential to make such an incredible difference.

I am committed, this department is committed, to helping you be the best you can be. You need to take the steps to do that today. Set a goal that will take you to the next level in your career and everyday act upon it. Sign up for the next class you need for promotion. Read everything you can get your hands on about being a great firefighter and paramedic. Be engaged in your work - show passion in everything you do. Take the initiative to make Palm Beach Fire Rescue better - better for the people we serve and the people who work here. Be a part of the next committee formed to solve a problem or improve the organization. If you do those things, you will make a difference - for yourself and those around you. And, together we will make Palm Beach Fire Rescue an organization that this community loves and the people who work here love.

Ocean-Rescue

By Craig Pollock

Shift Supervisor

Over the month of December lifeguards at Mid-Town Municipal Beach flew yellow flags to warn beach patrons of medium risk swim conditions due to moderate surf or Rip Currents, along with yellow flags lifeguards also have been hoisting up purple flag which indicate the presence of Man-O-War.

Beach attendance saw a really significant spike as things got closer to the holidays around December 18th , for two weeks straight Mid -Town Beach saw large crowds as tourist packed the shoreline. Ocean Rescue is happy to report, that no major incidents occurred during the Holiday break.



B/C Update-Stabilization

By Keith Golden

Battalion Chief

Vehicle extrication is a low frequency event that has the potential to be very dangerous for the patient and the rescuer and for that reason we must always consider personal safety. When the decision is made to remove an entrapped patient via power and/or hand tools we must have each other's backs and make sure that personnel do not stand in front of the doors when removing them and also that they do not go on both knees when working around unstable vehicles. When extrication is being performed the work area and tool staging area must remain free debris to allow adequate movement. During significant extrication events simultaneous external and internal stabilization must occur. The patient packaging and vehicle stabilization requires removing the keys from the ignition, scene survey and inner and outer circle investigations.

- Stabilization is NOT complete until all doors are checked for access
- Make all stabilization efforts count- "Do it RIGHT the FIRST time!"
- Fill all voids with wedges
- External and Internal stabilization- Crib, Chock tires, Doors, remove Keys, and Parking-Brake on

Cribbing blocks are used for stabilization of an object or to support in lifting objects during rescue operations. The unique interlocking system of the crib-blocks allow for creating a variety of stabilization structures with ease. The reversibility of the cribbing blocks can create a flat surface ideal for lifting purposes.

They can be used for any cribbing application during rescue operations and have several advantages over wood as means of cribbing a structure. The unique interlocking and stacking design makes creating any stabilization structure needed, fast!

Take every opportunity you can to utilize these blocks prior to the extrication event - you will find that they are:

- Rapid and easy to use
- High Strength
- Splinter Free
- Slide Resistant
- High Durability
- Compact/Stackable
- Versatile



Cribbing cars made quick and easy.

New Technology Cribbing

- Works well with aerodynamics
 - Able to work up under plastic or solid underbody flarings, etc.
- Non-absorbing
 - Easy to decontaminate
 - Bio-hazards
 - Chemical resistant



Training and Safety Division

By Dave Burke

Division Chief

The six newly hired employees have finished the two week indoctrination period and are assigned to shift. The indoctrination period was the same for all six personnel for the first two days, then branching into specialized training with reference to position. The three firefighters completed a schedule filled with bailout training, firefighter survival, EMS skills, apparatus and equipment familiarization, ladder climb, emergency vehicle operations, and communications training. During their second week the recruits received a full dose of hands on training as every day was spent in bunker gear. The week saw the recruits through SCBA, rapid intervention crew, hydrant, engine, hose, ladders, high rise, and vehicle machinery rescue. Though the training is strenuous, it is also rewarding and sometimes fun.

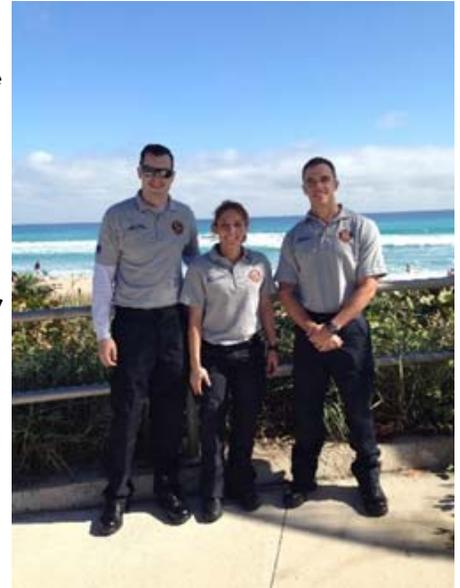
The two newly hired Lieutenants were busy reviewing SOG's and forms, special assignment overtime introduction, communications, fire simulation software training, CAD and Commo, and met with leadership coach James Rowan via video conferencing. Our new Fire Inspector spent two days with operations personnel, then off to Fire Prevention for one on one training with Division Chief Pompos. Welcome to Lt. McKay, Lt. Shinn, F/M Rodriguez, F/F Madej, F/F DiRocco, and Inspector Colson!

Training requests are always welcomed and encouraged. Education is the cornerstone of our business. When submitting training requests always follow the procedure, this will prevent delays. Try and remember the following:

- Submit requests at least 21 days in advance.
- If requesting advance payment, you are requesting the town cut a check to the institution or vendor for the tuition/registration. Provide the amount, proof of registration and where to send the check.
- If requesting out of town training, submit the estimated travel request with those expenses listed on FR #611.
- Training will never cause mandatory overtime, be prepared to make necessary arrangements.
- Classes toward a degree are submitted on the Town's tuition reimbursement form.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Fire Rescue East 2016	Jan 20-23
Orlando Fire Conference	Feb 25-27
National Fire Academy	April 15 (first semester application period opens)



Fire Prevention

By Tim Pompos

Fire Marshal

The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division would like to welcome aboard our new Fire Inspector Charles “Chuck” Colson. Please feel free to stop by Fire Prevention and introduce yourself. We are very fortunate to have Chuck, as he brings 30 years of fire service experience to our department. In the month of December, the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division along with Fire Operations shift personnel completed 150 fire prevention activities. Thank you to all shift personnel for your hard work in completing the November 2015 hydrant testing! Under the direction of Battalion Chief Keith Golden, Lt Danny Dunnam and the Ladder 97 crew, Santa Claus was delivered safely to the Breakers on December 24, 2015. In addition to Santa, Rescue 97 Lt. Caesar Mustelier and his crew, with assistance from the Ladder 97 crew, provided a fire safety class to approximately twenty kids in the Breakers Children Entertainment Center. Tyrene Petriello, the Breakers Recreational Manager, expressed her gratitude and deepest appreciation for an outstanding job. She stated that the demonstrations were very well received by the hotel guests. A big thank you to Scott McCracken; Abigail Farrell; Brennan Santini; and Jordan Euliss for your help with this event.

On December 29, 2015 a “Firefighter Adventure Day” was held at the Four Seasons Hotel. The activities included viewing the fire engine and the guests were shown what it’s like to be a firefighter by trying on gear and operating a fire hose. The Four Seasons’ Management team expressed their gratitude and deepest appreciation for the demonstration. A big thank you to Engine 99 Lt. Jill Bassford; Gabriel Cadet; and Brad Fabben for your help with this event.



As a reminder to all Operational Personnel, the following Special Assignment Overtime details are available:

- The Breakers Hotel – Marathon Petroleum Meeting, starting Thursday, January 28, with last detail on Saturday, January 30, 2016
- Society of the Four Arts Lecture Series, starting from January 5, every Tuesday until March 29, 2016
- Society of the Four Arts Gala, on Friday and Saturday night February 19 and 20, 2016
- Society of the Four Arts Met Opera Series, starting February 13, on various Saturdays until April 30, 2016
- Mar-a-Lago Club Events for the month of February starting February 3, with the last event scheduled for February 27, 2015

If you are interested in working any of these assignments, please sign up through TeleStaff.

The Key to a Life that Matters

By John C. Maxwell, October 9, 2015

There's a secret to filling the pages of your life.

It's not hard to decipher, but sometimes it takes a little practice.

Take me, for example. Back in 1976, I received a gift from Eileen Beavers, who was my assistant at that time. As I unwrapped it, I saw it was a book with the intriguing title, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. I couldn't wait to read it.

But when I opened it, I was shocked: The pages were blank.

Inside was a note from Eileen that said, "John, your life is before you. Fill these pages with kind acts, good thoughts and matters of your heart. Write a great story with your life."

I still remember the excitement and anticipation that surged through me when I read her words. For the first time it made me think about how I was the author of my life, and I could fill every "page" with whatever I wanted. It made me want to be significant. It inspired me to do whatever I could to make my life matter.

So what's the secret to filling the pages of your life? What's the key to a life that matters?

THE KEY TO A LIFE THAT MATTERS IS LIVING EACH DAY WITH INTENTIONALITY.

When you live each day with intentionality, there's almost no limit to what you can do. You can transform yourself, your family, your community and your nation. When enough people do that, they can change the world. When you intentionally use your everyday life to bring about positive change in the lives of others, you begin to live a life that matters.

This post is for anyone who has ever dared to ask themselves, "Do I matter?" This post is for you, if you've ever needed a systematic approach to creating meaning in your life, so that you can bridge the gap between the life you're living now and a life of significance that leaves no doubt in your mind: You're making a difference.

Most people want to hear or tell a good story. But they don't realize they themselves can and should be the good story. That requires intentional living. It is the bridge that crosses the gap to a life that matters.

When unintentional people see the wrongs of the world they say, "Something should be done about that." They see or hear a story and they react to it emotionally, and intellectually. But they go no further.

People who live intentionally jump in and live the story themselves. The words of physicist Albert Einstein motivate them: "The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Why do so many people do nothing? I think it's because most of us look at the evils and injustice around us and we become overwhelmed. The problems look too big for us to tackle. We say to ourselves, "What can I do? I'm just one person."

The thing is, one person is a big start. One person can act and make a change by helping another. One person can inspire a second person to be intentional, and then another. Those people can work together. They can become a movement. They can make an impact. We should never let what we cannot do keep us from doing what we can do. A passive life does not become a meaningful life.

ARE YOU READY TO DISCOVER THE MEANING IN YOUR LIFE?

If your story isn't as meaningful or significant or compelling as you want it to be, you can change it. You can begin writing a new story, beginning today. Don't settle for merely being a teller of stories about significance. Decide to be the story of significance. Become the central character in your story of making a difference!

This week, my new book *Intentional Living* has been released. I'm excited because it's my most personal book yet; in it, I share my own story of significance and teach you how to make your own life matter.

In today's comments, why don't you tell me about one way that you would like to change the story that you've been living up until now? I believe you can change your story, and I hope I can help you do so over the next month.

Congratulations



Congratulation to Nei Silva-Filho for the birth of his daughter on 12/19/2015

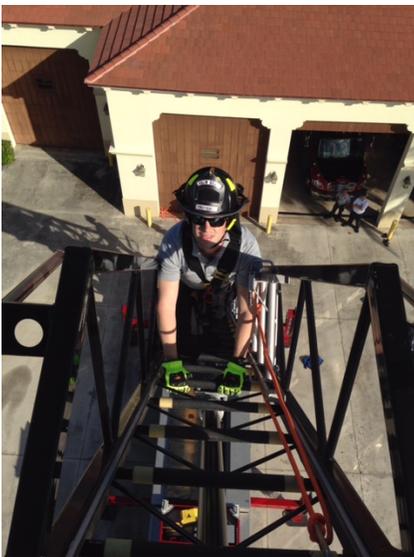
Lia—5 lbs. 6 oz.—18 inches long



Congratulations to Cesar Lora for the birth of his daughter on 1/20/16.

Grace Bernadette

6 lbs. 14 oz. 21 inches long



New recruit training. FF Madej performing a aerial ladder climb.



LT. Dunnam and FF Farrel training at the PBCFR Regional Training Center



Mutual Aid Training with PBCFR

New Hires



My name is Charles Colson and I was a firefighter/paramedic with Hollywood Fire Rescue for the last 27 years. I retired two years ago at the rank of Fire Captain/Paramedic. I loved being a firefighter and missed it while I was retired for a short two years. I am excited to be part of a fire department once again while learning a new position. I also look forward to meeting and working with the employees in the Town of Palm Beach. Some of my fondest memories as a firefighter include bonding with my co-workers during emergency calls, cooking for everyone at the station, and meal time where the stories are told with a lot of laughs.

I am a loving husband to my wife, Arlene, and the father of two girls, Danielle, 23, and Hannah, 20. My wife works supporting teachers for the Broward School District. Danielle is a recent engineering graduate from Duke University and Hannah is currently a junior majoring in Public Relations at the University of Florida. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, surfing, paddle boarding, and working out at the gym. Eating healthy and staying in shape is a big part of my life.



Daniel DiRocco writes: As a young man I had one love: rock and roll. I expressed that love by playing guitar in a fairly successful rock and roll band with a CD release and five U.S. mini tours. At the same time, I knew I should do something practical like go to college part time. I always thought of myself as a critical thinker and discovered my passion for philosophy at FAU where I eventually earned a B.A. in the subject.

Around the same time, I began teaching English to middle schoolers. I was inspired to join the Coast Guard Reserve after attending a military funeral for my fiancé's grandfather. I gained invaluable experience with the Coast Guard being part of a boarding team and running SAR/ES calls, but I also go to work with local fire departments. The Reserve quickly became the focus of my two jobs and I knew with certainty, being a first responder was my calling. I love comic books, classic films, working out, and I still play guitar but solo now. I have a weekly gig in Fort Lauderdale and it's a blast. I'm a father to two little girls and a husband to a big one. I've been accused of being "All over the place", but I have a taste for life and I like it that way.



My name is Adriana Rodriguez and I am very grateful for the opportunity to work for such a professional Fire Department and to be able to serve the Citizens of the Town of Palm Beach. I am passionate about the Fire Service and dedicated to a long hardworking career. I previously volunteered for Key Largo Fire Department for a year, where I gained the knowledge base and guidance to begin a successful career.

I grew up in sunny South Florida where I played soccer growing up. I love team sports and enjoy playing when I can. I played varsity soccer at Coral Reef Senior High and went on to play collegiate soccer at St. Thomas University while earning my B.A. in Business Administration. My senior year at St. Thomas I was chosen as Captain of my team. I was fortunate enough to have all the support from my family to go to school full time and play a college sport, the schedule was tough, but with my family's support, I was able to complete my college degree in 2011. After, I attended the Fire Academy and became a state certified Firefighter I/II and I attended paramedic school where I also became state certified shortly after. I look forward to working with knowledgeable to dedicated individuals who share the dedication and passion for the Fire Service and I am looking forward to working with my new family!

New Hires (con't)



My name is Michael Madej and I am 28 years old. I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, TX. I joined the Coast Guard when I was 18 (where I spent 7 years), and was able to travel around a lot of the United States. My first unit was a deployable anti-terrorism team, we did multiple security missions of high valued targets that ranged from nuclear submarines, to super bowls, to President Obama's first inauguration.

It was through my time here that I learned that law enforcement was not my cup of tea. When my crew and I rescued a man in the middle of the Miami channel, I found out that I had a passion for EMS. This passion quickly spread to the fire service. I look forward to working with everybody here and am excited to- begin the next chapter of my life at the Town of Palm Beach.



My name is Chris McKay, I am 38 years old. I was born in Hollywood, FL, grew up in Jupiter, and currently live in Sebastian. I'm a family man and my wife, Lisa, and I have been happily married for 7 years. We have a 5 year old son, Liam, and in 2014 we were blessed to become foster parents of a beautiful baby girl, who has just turned 1 year old. I have also recently begun to volunteer as a Guardian Ad Litem, advocating for children in foster care.

I started my career in 1997 as an EMT with Jupiter Hospital EMS. In 1998 I began volunteering with Tequesta Fire Rescue, and became a career Fire-medic in 2000. In 2004, I moved to Central Florida and began working as a Fire-medic with Volusia County Fire Rescue. In 2006 I was promoted to Lieutenant on a Special Operations Squad, and became the county's Regional HAZMAT Response Team's Training Officer. During this timeframe I completed 2 Associate's Degrees (Fire Science Technology and Emergency Medical Services). In 2012 I began working as a Battalion Chief assigned to the Daytona and Ormond Beach areas with additional responsibilities of countywide HAZMAT response. I am also an instructor with Daytona State College for the Hazardous Materials training classes.

I am looking forward to my future with Palm Beach Fire Rescue, the opportunity to return "home" and to be a part of such a progressive and dedicated organization.



My name is Charles H. Shinn but most call me Charlie.

I was born in Miami, Florida. I am married to my wife Kathy Shinn of 28 years and I am a father of three. My son is in the Air Force, my oldest daughter just started EMT school and is hopefully following the "Old Man" in the fire service, and my middle daughter is still in college seeking her degree in Sociology.

I attended Erskine College in South Carolina where I was drafted from college to play professional soccer in 1979. I played for a little over year a and stopped to begin my fire career.

I started work as a firefighter in 1980 as tiller man with Gwinnett County, working for a little over 3 years before returning to Florida to begin working for the fire service in Palm Beach County for 30 years. I have been in the fire service for 35 plus years and retired as a Captain from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

I have been involved with training for the majority of my career, being actively involved in multiple training disciplines throughout the fire service. I love to train and teach and I enjoy watching younger career fire service members learn from the seasoned older "Jakes".

OCTOBER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Training Hours

A Shift	519
B Shift	527
C Shift	723
Total	1769

Fire Prevention Inspections

172

Ocean Rescue

Visitors	24,555
Town Ordinance Enforcements	78
Preventative Actions	137
Minor Jelly Fish Stings	63

FIRE and EMS

FIRE Calls	83
EMS Calls	145
Transports to Hospital	99

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Jose Ruiz	01/01
Taylor Jantz	01/04
Richard Stolpman	01/06
Nancy Roedel	01/14
George Klein	01/17
Charles Shinn	01/17
Nei Silva Filho	01/20
Jason Taylor	01/21
Darrel Donatto	01/25
Oscar Geerken	01/22
Craig Johnson	01/22

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Richard Buttery	01/89	27 years
Brodie Atwater	01/89	27 years
Brian LeBrun	01/99	17 years
Darrel Donatto	01/04	12 years
Lacie Flynn	01/09	7 years
Angel Sronce	01/14	2 years
Eric Legore	01/14	2 years
Brad Fabben	01/14	2 years
Brennan Santini	01/15	1 year
Stephen Montoya	01/15	1 year
Yorgui Beltran	01/15	1 year

Employee of the Month—Angel Sronce



Angel has served in the Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization for 2 years. She is currently assigned to days working a light duty assignment from the North Station. Angel assists all administrative positions as well as filling in for the Administrative Coordinator when needed.

Firefighter Sronce has a passion for knowledge and a love of her profession. Her intense interest in emergency medicine has led her to pursue a degree in nursing. During the last year, she has completed well over half of the necessary courses to become a registered nurse. Angel has also completed other courses at an instructor level, which will assist her in endeavours toward knowledge in emergency medicine. Taking courses to become a certified instructor in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support will also ensure quality instruction to our department members by one of our own. Angel's hard work and thirst for job knowledge will eventually result in a significant savings of department time and money.

Angel has set high personal goals for herself by recently completing all courses required to act in the position of Lieutenant. She has also completed several college level courses and is very close to obtaining her Associates Degree. Recognizing a customer service need that could be met by our organization, Firefighter Sronce recently enrolled and completed a course to earn her National Child Passenger Safety Certification at the technician level. This course certifies Angel to properly install child car seats and teach others to safely transport children. She has also been instrumental in adding and maintaining records to ensure department compliance in personnel and NIMS records, entering data for employee recognition and certifications, and delivering equipment and apparatus for maintenance and repair.

We highly commend Firefighter Angel Sronce for her dedication and devotion to the Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization. Her passion for service through personal achievement makes Angel Sronce the deserving and outstanding recipient of the December, 2015 Employee of the Month award.

