

The All Hands

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

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Deputy Chief's Message

By **DARREL DONATTO**

Deputy Chief

For over a year now, I have been sharing my thoughts on the incredible opportunities that lie ahead for promotions. I have also been telling everyone that now is the time to prepare for those opportunities, and that if you wait for the opportunity to come up – it will be too late to prepare at that point.

We made a commitment to our members to do whatever we can as an organization to help prepare them for the future opportunities. We established an agreement with Palm Beach State College and the college has been teaching the Pump Operator and Fire Officer courses in house here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue. The number of people recognizing the opportunities and preparing themselves for them has been outstanding. My personal thanks to each of the people listed below for your time, commitment, and dedication to making you better and making Palm Beach Fire Rescue better.

Fire Service Hydraulics / February 14 - 24

F/F Gabriel Cadet, F/F Dany Diaz, F/F Jordan Euliss, F/F Oscar Geerken, F/F Rebekah Gray, F/F Eric Legore, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Braden Whitworth, and F/F Rob Wood.

Fire Apparatus Operator / March 1 - 8

F/F Gabriel Cadet, F/F Dany Diaz, F/F Jordan Euliss, F/F Oscar Geerken, F/F Rebekah Gray, F/F Eric Legore, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Braden Whitworth, and F/F Rob Wood.

Fire Service Aerial Apparatus / April 10 - 19

F/F Gabriel Cadet, F/F Jerry Castillo, F/F Dany Diaz, F/F Jordan Euliss, F/F Oscar Geerken, F/F Rebekah Gray, F/F Eric Legore, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Braden Whitworth, and F/F Rob Wood.

Company Officer / May 19 – 23

D/E Gerry Hagin, F/F Chase Davis, F/F Danny Gargulio, F/F Justine Heinrichs, F/F Cole James, F/F Billy Layman, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Brad Schell, and F/F Angel Sronce.

Strategies and Tactics 1 / June 2 – 6

F/F Chase Davis, F/F Jordan Euliss, F/F Danny Gargulio, F/F Justine Heinrichs, F/F Cole James, F/F Billy Layman, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Brad Schell, and F/F Angel Sronce.

Course Delivery / June 16 – 25

D/E Danny Dunnam, F/F Dany Diaz, F/F Jordan Euliss, F/F Danny Gargiulo, F/F Cole James, F/F Tim Martin, F/F Scott McCracken, F/F Michael Messner, F/F Brad Schell, and F/F Jody Sronce.

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Leadership Rituals that Make Each Day Count

Posted on 03. Jun, 2014 by lollydaskal in [Blog](#), [Leadership](#), [Leadership Development](#), [Life Balance](#),

In the words of Napoleon Hill, **it is not what you are going to do but what you are doing today that counts.**

You can learn everything you need to learn in order to achieve anything, but you can never change your leadership until you change your rituals.

Rituals can strengthen and spotlight the values, intentions, and experiences you have chosen to live by; they and can be useful when we are trying to figure out what is important.

Here are some things that great leaders are doing wholeheartedly to make each day count.

Ritual of READING: Books are the understated and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of mentors, and the most patient of teachers. Become an avid reader; invest your time by reading something educational, inspirational, or motivational.

Ritual of LISTENING: Leaders know that time is precious. Give yourself the advantage of learning something new by listening to audio programs—and repeat them until you have digested the information. Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply. Learn something by listening.

Ritual of MENTORSHIP: One of the greatest things we can do for ourselves is to learn from a mentors. A mentor isn't someone who lectures, but someone who inspires you to give the best in order to discover what you already know. Find a mentor, grasp what they have done, copy what they do, and then learn how to improve upon it.

Ritual of FEEDBACK: Leaders embrace feedback both negative and positive. Find someone who knows you well and ask them for feedback. Don't justify or argue but listen and evaluate the feedback carefully, especially when it gets hard to swallow or accept. Use all feedback to learn.

Ritual of ASKING: As leaders, in order to grow, we must be willing to ask for help—whether it's assistance with a short-term situations or identifying and correcting a bad patterns. The more that we ask, the more things we will know. The more that we learn, the more we will grow.

Ritual of JOURNALING: Many of the best leaders keep a journal and develop a daily habit of journaling. It's an excellent way to measure your growth and progress, which is sometimes hard to grasp in the day-to-day perspective. Journaling helps us to see clearer, to remember more, and to see what counts.

Ritual Of IMPROVEMENT: The best leaders dedicate themselves to constant growth. They commit to finding small ways to improve, every day, all the time. No matter how good you get you can always get better, and that's the exciting part.

Rituals can be transformative. The amalgamation of setting an intention, heightens our focus, elevates our emotional involvement, and embodies our participation in effecting our lives and leading.

Make a better tomorrow, by making each day count.

Lead From Within: When you become a little bit better each day when you make learning a constant ritual. The best leaders are constantly improving, learning, growing and developing.

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Commitment

From page 1

Each of these members has committed a tremendous amount of time preparing them for the future. We have one Lieutenant vacancy in the department right now. We anticipate creating three new Lieutenant positions within the next 6 months as we add a dedicated rescue at the North Fire Station. We have ten employees who will be leaving at the end of their DROP period over the next three years – all in promoted positions.

Focused ambition is a good thing. Without ambition, it is almost impossible to realize one's potential. Happiness is connected with achieving your potential. We are happier when we are active in pursuit of choice-worthy goals that we in some measure attain.

I can't predict the future, but it is my best guess that, three years from now, as you look at a roster, many of the names you see above will be in promoted positions. I look forward to doing everything I can to help them. 🍌

Driver Engineer

Jerry Wells

Fireengineering.com 6/1/2007

How many times have you heard the driver/engineer position referred to as “boring” or “away from the action”? Unfortunately, I have heard this way too many times. When I ask firefighters if they are going to enter the promotional process for driver/engineer, I often get that all too familiar response: “That position is too boring. I want to stay where the action is.” I have also witnessed driver/engineers standing at their pump panels at working fires looking as if they had lost their best friend.

If you are a driver/engineer or wish to be one during your career and think that this position is a drudgery every firefighter must endure on the way up the ladder, I can offer you a different view of the job.

The duties of a driver/engineer vary from fire department to fire department, but the position entails a certain core of responsibility in most cases. It's not just pulling knobs or blowing the air horn and siren. The duties of all driver/engineers are many; they include, but are not limited to, the following:

Know the still districts, those next to you to which you respond, and the best and quickest response routes.

Inspect your rig and its tools and equipment.

Know the equipment on your rig, what it can do, and how to operate it.

Understand that if it's going to go wrong, it will, and it will be when you're pumping at a

scene and your crew needs water the most. Will you be able to handle and correct what's going on? This is just one example; there are many involving a variety of instances. There is nothing more stressful or embarrassing than when your rig or something on it fails while a street full of onlookers are watching.

Drive safely AND legally to incidents; make sure all riders are wearing seat belts. Know that your fire engine or ladder truck responds and handles differently than your car or pickup truck, especially in bad weather.

Position your fire apparatus at an incident so it will function most efficiently (hose lead-outs and room for the ladder truck in the front) and, more importantly, to protect your firefighters.

Operate your pump at working fires regardless of who connects a line to it, and know how and when to put a supply line under power.

Operate and inspect hydrants while at an incident when you have a chance. This is easy at a fire alarm when you're sitting there waiting to see what's going to happen. Many good driver/engineers jump out of the rig every chance they get and check the hydrant they may have to use. This way, you find out

which work and which don't before they are needed.

Additionally, in some departments the driver/engineer is a first-level company officer, often taking on the duties and responsibilities of the engine officer in his absence. This is the driver/engineer's opportunity to be “in charge” of a company. It is your time to shine as an officer and also to show that you are serious about your crew's safety at all times and not just “filling in.” What kind of driver/engineer are you? Do you wait until your officer is on vacation before you get enthusiastic about your job, or can you be “accused” of being enthusiastic on a daily basis?

I have had the privilege of working with some great driver/engineers. There are a few in particular who really “take ownership” of their rig; their district; and, most importantly, their officer and firefighters. They not only work to establish a permanent water supply but also anticipate the needs of the fire ground or incident in general and pull tools, such as the following, so they are ready for immediate use:

- additional hand tools for the crew,
- ventilation fans (deliver to the front porch),
- straight and attic ladders (lay out in a safe location),
- salvage covers and tarps,
- spare SCBA bottles, and
- lighting (mounted lights) for the front of the structure or scene; they can greatly reduce tripping hazards.

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Training and Safety Division

By **JIM DUANE**

Division Chief

The second course of the Company Officer 1 series was completed in late May with ten of our members attending. On June 16th, Course Delivery began. This is a five day program being taught by Palm Beach state College. The goal for the department is to bring Building Construction for the Fire Service class in house during the fall months. Once completed, personnel will have met all of the educational requirements for the state Fire Officer 1 exam.

The new Fire Officer 1 exam now has a Task Book component that is required to be completed prior to taking the exam. The candidate is responsible for the completion and submission of this task book. Personnel will need to contact the Training Division in order to have this assigned to them in Target Safety. There is no time limit for completing the book. There are a number of objectives that must be met, some of which require actual emergency calls for you to be involved in so don't delay beginning the process. Once you are certified, you will always have it and it

doesn't require renewing.

Battalion Chief's and command level Officers recently took part in a county-wide high rise evolution. Chief Officers were assigned random positions within the command system that handled 20 to 30 units operating at a high-rise fire. The purpose of this exercise was two-fold; first it gave personnel the experience of working with your neighboring department, something that will be necessary during a high-rise incident and second it was used as an evaluative tool to assist with updating current procedures relating to high-rise incidents. This valuable training is being planned again in the near future with a goal of having it up to 6 times a year.

The Driver Engineer exam is fast approaching, taking place on July 16 and 17. If more than 8 candidates sign up for the exam, a 3rd day will be needed and take place on the 18th. The training calendar has purposely stayed open prior to so that personnel have the time to practice. Officers need to be flexible and assist those who have signed up for the test, helping and providing them opportunities to drive

and pump the vehicles. Truck 1 and one of the 2001 Pierce Enforcers will be used for the practical portion.

Water Rescue training is taking place in the later part of July. Driver Engineer Frank Mavigliano, with the assistance of Ocean Rescue Supervisor Craig Pollock is teaching the class, which will be more informative than ever. A 3-part DVD series was created by Frank and is being distributed to the stations for the crews to view prior to the training.

Depending on the opening of the North Bridge, live fire training, which was cut short, will begin again. Those that did not attend training prior to the bridge closing will have the opportunity to do so.

For those that haven't met our new employee, please take the opportunity to welcome Caroline Quevillon to Palm Beach Fire Rescue. Caroline began on July 16th and will be working Days for 2 weeks prior to starting her assignment on "C" Shift, Engine 1 with Lieutenant Baker. Palm Beach is real proud to have her here with us and looks forward to assisting her in any way needed. 🧯

Ocean Rescue

By **CRAIG POLLOCK**

Ocean Rescue Supervisor

The beaches continued to stay busy thru out the month of May. A persistent Southeast wind blew for two weeks in the beginning of May and lifeguards had to keep Yellow Flags flying to warn swimmers of Rip Currents. Water conditions calmed down for Memorial Day Weekend, Phipps Ocean Park and Mid-Town Municipal Beach both had very busy Beaches.

Town of Palm Beach Ocean Rescue would like to welcome three new part-time lifeguards to its staff, lifeguards Mark Myhre, Houston Park, and Daniel Barnickle all started in May as part time lifeguards. 🌊



EMS Division

By **BRIAN FULLER**
Division Chief

The Town Council approved our budget request to purchase the Zoll X series manual monitor/defibrillator at the regularly scheduled town council meeting on June 10th of this year.

Each of the new units will be equipped with both Wireless and Bluetooth transmission capabilities as well as SpO2 and SpCO monitoring like the RAD-57. **Carboxyhemoglobin (SpCO)** - Helps clinicians detect carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Other improved functions of the device include transmitting a 12-lead EKG without turning the monitor off or into another mode. The expected

ship date is August 7, 2014. In-service training will be scheduled to commence upon receipt of the new devices. For more information, visit www.zoll.com

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight recently released the results of the Emergency Medical Services Grant requests for 2014.

The Town of Palm Beach has been awarded \$13,126.00 for the purchase of Panasonic H2 tablets and associated items. The mobile tablet technology will provide accurate and high quality real-time patient data to providers, allow Palm Beach Fire Rescue to more effectively gather data and respond to emergencies, and enhance the capacity

of PBFR to support the Town of Palm Beach.

We have also been awarded \$15,000 for a new Laerdal Advanced Life Support Simulation manikin through the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services grant fund. The patient simulator will be remote control with a tablet, separate monitor to display patient vital signs, and be fully mobile. We should receive the new training aid within the next month. *



Driver Engineer

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A good driver/engineer is never finished. There is always something to do, some way to contribute to the success of the operation and make a difference.

Many years ago, my company was out of the house and caught a working car fire. On arrival, I positioned my engine to provide a safe work zone for "MY guys," set the brake, shifted into pump gear, and pulled and stretched the line. I was waiting at the front corner of the bumper when the firefighter came around to get "his line." He had the funniest look on his face when I shoved the nozzle into his chest and told him water is on its way. What was I supposed to do? I suppose I could have stood at the pump panel and waited patiently for the firefighter to deploy the line himself. You see, that was MY firefighter, MY captain, and a safe work zone that I provided for them. I was going to do everything possible to make this operation easy and safe for my crew. That firefighter often refers to me as the only guy who has ever deployed "his line" for him. By the way, that firefighter is now a driver/engineer who strives to stay ahead of the needs of the scene.

No matter what your rank, show some enthusiasm about your job. Our profession is a team sport. A successful operation requires that all of the participants be "on their game" at all levels. Take ownership of your crew, tools, and equipment. The only reason your job is boring-or seems to be-is because you allow it.

JERRY WELLS has more than 20 years of fire service experience and is a battalion chief with the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department. A second-generation firefighter, he has served as a firefighter/paramedic, a driver/engineer, and a captain of a fire department ladder company. He has a bachelor's degree in emergency management from the University of North Texas.

Sooner or Later?

By The John Maxwell Company.

June 25, 2014

<http://www.johnmaxwell.com/>

Sports teams at the University of Oklahoma are known as the Sooners, one of strangest nicknames in collegiate athletics. The story of how their peculiar nickname originated highlights a key ingredient to success in leadership: initiative.

In 1889, the U.S. government agreed to open up public lands in Oklahoma to aspiring homesteaders. Anyone who agreed to cultivate a parcel of land for at least five years could gain title to 160 acres. Congress set a time and date—April 22, 1889 at noon—as the legal starting point at which settlers could enter Oklahoma Territory and lay claim to a plot of land. Fortune-seekers, entrepreneurs, and those looking for a fresh start flocked to Oklahoma in anticipation of the event. When the day arrived, at exactly noon, public officials signaled the opening of the lands by firing pistols into the area. People on wagons and horseback raced across the countryside in hope of securing free land for themselves.

The event, which came to be known as the Oklahoma Land Run, had few rules. One of them, however, was that no one was permitted to stake out their plot of ground prior to the official start date. Even so, lots of people—deputy marshals, land surveyors, railroad employees—took advantage of their positions to get a head start. By going sooner than they were supposed to, they ended up with the best pieces of land. Collectively, this group became known as the “Sooners”, and the word came to signify anyone with a go-getting, initiative-taking spirit.

As the Sooners demonstrate, it’s often not the fastest person that wins the race, but the person who started first.

The Benefits of Initiative:

(1) Taking Action Reduces Your Fear.

Unwillingness to act flames our fears and causes us to dread something we really ought to do. How many times have we magnified a fear in our minds to terrifying proportions, only to take action and then realize: “That wasn’t so bad! Why did I put it off so long?” Most fears and worries are unfounded, and more people abandon their dreams out of fear than perhaps anything else.

Influential people don’t wait for everything to be guaranteed

before moving forward; they press ahead in spite of risks. They know a secret that all good leaders understand: momentum is your friend. Once you take the first step and start moving forward, you generate confidence to tackle the problems and difficulties in your path.

(2) Taking Action Puts You Ahead of the Pack

Initiative means doing the right thing without being told, or immediately upon realizing the best course of action. Most people hesitate and procrastinate, either until circumstances force them to move forward or until someone kicks them in the rear. By proactively taking care of what needs to be accomplished, you gain an edge on the competition.

(3) Taking Action Brings Rewards

As the great industrialist Andrew Carnegie once said, “The first man gets the oyster, and the second man gets the shell.” Everyone has areas of strength in which they intuitively sense what needs to be done before almost everyone else around them. However, not everybody marries intuition with action. For those who do, success awaits.

Thought to Ponder

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is God’s gift; that’s why we call it the present” (anonymous). The only way to reach the top is to start climbing. Where do you need to initiate action today in order to move toward your dream?

“True commitment inspires and attracts people.”

JOHN C. MAXWELL

Fire Prevention

By **TIMOTHY POMPOS**

Division Chief

In the month of May, the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division completed 146 fire prevention inspections with the assistance of Fire Operations shift personnel.

The month of May was the start of our annual Knox Box inspections for residential properties. Just a friendly reminder, residential Knox Box inspection forms need to be completed and returned through the Battalion Chiefs to the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety no later than June 30, 2014.

While inspecting the resident's Knox Box, utilize this opportunity to provide home fire safety tips while using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line; make sure the venturi tubes- where the air and gas mix- are not blocked; do not overfill the propane tank; do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill; be careful when using lighter fluid; supervise children around outdoor grills; dispose of hot coals properly- douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out; never place them in plastic, paper, or wooden containers; never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas- carbon monoxide could be produced; make sure everyone knows to stop, drop, and roll in case a piece of clothing does catch on fire; call 9-1-1 if a burn warrants medical attention.

The fire hydrant testing starts up in the month of June. Battalion Chiefs will provide guidance and assistance to Company Officers ensuring they have proper resources and zone coverage. Battalion Chiefs will notify Fire Prevention by email if any fire hydrant is in need of non-emergency repair or maintenance. Hydrant inspection forms need to be completed and returned through the Battalion Chiefs to the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety no later than July 18, 2014.

In closing, fire company officers should survey site plans with their crews in regards to on-going construction jobs throughout the Town. A list of Construction sites may be found under the 'N' Drive, under Fire Rescue folder, then under Department folder, finally look under the folder listed as Construction Projects Site Plans for 2014 (Fifth folder listed). They are listed as follows: 1 South County Road – Breakers; 130 Sunrise Avenue – Sun and Surf; 356 Worth Avenue – Everglades Club; and 1170 South Ocean Blvd. – Bath and Tennis.



In Remembrance



Chief Arthur J. Kitts (Retired), 92 of Singer Island, Florida passed away peacefully at Palm Beach Gardens Hospice, June 14, 2014.

He was born in Luttrell, Tennessee to James A. and Willie Kitts. He attended school and remained in Tennessee while serving in the Army (Anti Aircraft Battery) during World War II. Shortly upon discharge, he moved to the West Palm Beach area (Singer Island)

where he remained until his recent passing. For many years, when health permitted, he would return to spend time in Tennessee. When he was no longer able to travel, his wish was to go back "one more time".

Upon his arrival to the West Palm Beach area in the late 1940's, he became acquainted with the then Chief of the Palm Beach Fire Department who offered him a position as a fire-fighter. He worked his way up from rookie fireman to driving the pumper and aerial trucks, then to Captain, Assistant Chief and finally to Fire Chief serving in that position from 1974 to 1977. He retired from the department after serving 28 years in March 1977. He remained in touch with what was happening at the Fire Department by avidly reading the monthly newsletter as well as visiting the station from time to time.

He stayed busy during retirement, initially playing golf, fishing and his frequent trips to Tennessee. Eventually he slowed down and utilized his time reading news/travel books, health journals and regularly visiting with local friends, telling stories and "shooting the breeze" as he put it.

He is survived by his spouse of 60 years, Lorene. Brother-in-law Norman Roberts (MaryLou), Nieces Brenda Roberts Byrd, Debbye Roberts Root, Gail Roberts, Nephew Gary Roberts (Melinda) all of West Palm Beach and several great nieces and nephews. Additionally his stories will be missed by his cherished friends and neighbors. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

A message from Chief Kitts..."Make the most of the best and the least of the worst."

Family will welcome friends for a Celebration of Life, Saturday June 28th from 10-12 at Quattlebaum Funeral and Event Center 5411 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33417. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to (Town of) Palm Beach Fire and Rescue or Hospice of your choice.



Congratulations

Lieutenant Mark Bradshaw was awarded the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Palm Beach County EMS Providers Association at their recent awards banquet in recognition for his outstanding educational efforts to the community. According to a recent article in the Palm Beach Daily News by Staff Writer William Kelly, Lieutenant Bradshaw was quoted as saying, "My love for teaching and educating our community has always been my passion". Lieutenant Bradshaw also received the Distinguished Fire Safety Commendation Medal from the Sons of the American Revolution earlier that week.

FF/EMT now FF/Paramedic Rob Wood passed his State of Florida Medical Quality Assurance Paramedic exam on June 5th. Please congratulate him on this great achievement.

Battalion Chief's Message

By **DAVID BURKE**

Battalion Chief

There are a number of challenges facing all department members with the amount of new personnel entering our workforce. It is every employee's job and interest to ensure these newer employees are properly trained. Newer employees, especially those on probation, should be training on something at all times during shift. Company Officers should be training *with* them as well. Surfing the internet while the new guy is reading is not properly training our people. Lieutenants should be hands on training probationers at every opportunity; probationers should be reading and studying while they are not actively engaged in training with their Officer. I remember back when I was on probation in 1996, I would study much of the material on my off days and spend duty days learning hands on and testing off. Testing the probationers shouldn't be a chore for anyone, it should be a chance for all involved to sharpen skills.

Mario Reyes and I were laughing just the other day as we both said one of the reasons we became firefighters was because we didn't enjoy being students. Since joining the fire service, I'm sure everyone would agree that you have to be a perpetual student. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the Town's generous tuition reimbursement benefit. If college courses aren't your thing, find a course for professional development, or shop for a course at the National Fire Academy.

A few points to remember for operations:

- Set up the truck at station 1 and immediately take it down to avoid blocking the sidewalk unnecessarily
- Use the traffic lights at all stations every time
- Make yourself "unavailable" on Telestaff for days you do not wish to be called for overtime

School Supply Drive



July 1-August 10

Join the Palm Beach Daily News and Palm Beach Fire Rescue as we help less fortunate kids who cannot afford the basic school supplies they need. Suggested items include:

Pencils/pens
Hand sanitizer
Crayons
Erasers
Blunt tip Scissors

Glue Sticks
Pencil Boxes
Expo Markers
Washable markers

Drop off supplies to any Town Fire Station or PB Daily News

Every child deserves to go to school prepared to learn



Please help our Community



Job Well Done

Incident Date: 05/31/2014 15:42:11 Incident Number: 14001227 Zone: North Fire Station

Engine 2 responded for a service call because a smoke detector would not stop beeping. Upon arrival, the crew found an 18 year old smoke detector that was making an intermittent chirping noise. The crew changed the battery using a battery provided by the homeowner, but that did not fix the problem. D/E Grimes ran back to the North Fire Station, since the call was on Wells Rd, to find retrieve a new 9 volt battery. The battery was changed again, but it was still constantly sounding indicating malfunction. Lt. Bonfante contacted all the fire stations and the Battalion Chief to see if we had a smoke detector that could be used as a replacement, which they did not. Battalion Chief Golden went to the store and purchased a smoke detector, which the crew of E2 installed in the resident's house.

Incident Date: 06/11/2014 Zone South Fire Station

A resident driving along South Ocean Blvd experienced a flat tire near the South Fire Station. F/F Scott McCracken and F/F Chris Lucas noticed the situation and went to see if they could help. The resident had been calling service stations and companies, but no one was available to respond. McCracken and Lucas changed her tire and got her back on the road. This resident was overwhelmed with their kindness and customer service and contacted the Administration to express her thanks.



Gas leak call that closed Australian Avenue on June 11 after being cut by a construction crew.

Photos and announcements



Congratulations to Lieutenant Joe and Yulie Sekula

Jackson Joseph Sekula

5/11/2014

6lbs - 14 oz.

My name is Mark Myhre and my first day of work with the Town of Palm Beach Ocean Rescue was May 23, 2014.

I was born in 1954 in a small town in South Jersey and started my career as a lifeguard at the age of 15 in 1969 with the Sea Isle City Beach Patrol, working for three seasons. In 1974 I joined the U.S. Navy and served on the guided missile frigate USS Faragut. After my service with the Navy, I worked for 1 year as a craps dealer in Atlantic City, N.J. I returned to my lifeguarding career in 1979 and worked for two seasons as a medic for Sea Isle City Beach Patrol. In October of 1980 I moved to Florida and began a full-time career with the Lake Worth Beach Patrol and retired after 21 years in 2002 as Chief Lifeguard. In 2010 I returned to lifeguarding with Lantana Marine Safety as an on-call lifeguard. This past season I worked as a lifeguard with the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club.

In closing, I would like to thank Craig Pollock, Palm Beach Fire Dept., and the Town of Palm Beach for the opportunity to continue to do what I love...Lifeguard For Life.



My name is Caroline Quevillon. I am extremely excited to start my career as a firefighter here in Palm Beach. I have lived much of my life in Palm Beach County and love the people and the community. In my spare time I enjoy being with friends and family outdoors. My favorite part of the outdoors are on the animals I come across; horses are my favorite. You can usually find me out in my barn riding, and teaching others to ride as well.

I started my education into the fire service at Palm Beach State College. It was there where I received the knowledge and skills to become a state certified Emergency medical technician, paramedic, and firefighter. I plan to continue my education by earning a degree in fire science. Helping others is a big part of my life, and I plan to give back to the community and become an instructor, to share my knowledge and give back to the community that has done so much for me. I am looking forward to becoming an important part of the Fire Department serving the residents and visitors of Palm Beach.

MAY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Training Hours

A Shift	240
B Shift	224
C Shift	315
Total	779

Fire Prevention Inspections

146

Ocean Rescue

Visitors	23,177
Town Ordinance Enforcements	209
Preventative Actions	199

FIRE and EMS

FIRE Calls	63
EMS Calls	151
Transports to Hospital	97

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Frank Mavigliano	6/5
Mark Hassell	6/6
Mark Myhre	6/9
Michael Curcio	6/10
Michael Hays	6/17
Mario Reyes	6/20
Cole James	6/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Willie Bonfante	6/17	12 years
Ryan Zabovnik	6/25	12 years
Christopher Seay	6/7	03 years
Kyle Vander Plaats	6/20	01 year

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH 2014:

January	Frank Mavigliano	July
February	Michael Marx	August
March	Joe Sekula	September
April	Mark Bradshaw	October
May	Willie Bonfante	November
June		December

Employee of the Month— Willie Bonfante

The Palm Beach Fire Rescue Awards Committee has chosen **Driver Engineer Willie Bonfante** as **Employee of the Month** for May, 2014. Driver Engineer Bonfante has served in the Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization for 12 years, promoting to Driver Engineer in 2005. He is currently assigned to the North Station on "C" shift on Engine 2/Rescue 2.

Willie has been assigned as the permanent acting Lieutenant for the past 10 months due to Lieutenant Locy's Military deployment. During this time, Willie has spent countless hours assisting and training new probationary employees and has filled the role and responsibilities as if he was a promoted Officer. His crew can be found training everyday whether in the classroom or out in the drill field. He feels that every daily occurrence is an opportunity to learn and shares that enthusiasm with his crew members.

Driver Engineer Bonfante has led his crew with countless opportunities to help the customer. During a recent fire alarm, it was discovered that the occupant's smoke detector was having problems. Not having any batteries, the crew proceeded to return to the station so that a battery could be retrieved and installed. Still not resolving the problem, Acting Lieutenant Bonfante contacted the Battalion Chief who obtained a new smoke detector for the resident and it was installed by the crew. Their care for the customer kept the resident safe in the event of a future smoke occurrence. Following multiple calls over a 2 week period to the same residence, the family came by station two to express their gratitude for how professional and caring the service Willie and his crew provided. The patient, being a young child, was invited in the station and a tour was given, including time spent on the vehicles.

Recently a resident experienced several personal issues relating to her medical condition. The night before one of her procedures, she called 911. The crew responded and determined that she only needed to talk with someone, just to relax her mind before the procedure. She told Willie and the crew her story of how she was not receiving the proper support group therapy following her treatment. Shortly afterward, Acting Lieutenant Bonfante and his crew were able to get in touch with her doctor's office requesting she receive one-on-one therapy instead of group therapy. Because of their phone calls and compassion, she was able to receive something that she was unable to obtain herself, one-on-one treatment.

We highly commend Driver Engineer Bonfante for his dedication and devotion to the Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization. Willie consistently performs at a high level, always striving to do his best and make Palm Beach Fire Rescue a better place to work and serve the community. His daily efforts in the community are an example of what we stand for and strive to do every day therefore, making Willie Bonfante an outstanding recipient of the May 2014 Employee of the Month award.

