

The All Hands

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

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Fire Chief's Message

By Darrel Donatto, Fire Chief



In this age of social media, social activism, and constant connectedness there is very little that happens that is not noticed and often captured on video. Imagine just ten years ago; who had a security camera in their home? Today, almost everyone has a multitude of security cameras watching the outside and the inside of their house, and businesses even more. The first iPhone was first released in 2007; how much personal video did you capture ten years ago and how much do you capture now. The point of all this is, everything you do gets watched – more so now than ever. The good news is, everything that our team does here at Palm Beach Fire Rescue

gets watched; and our team does so many great things, big and small, to show just how much we care.



The community that we serve is unique. The members of our community appreciate what we do and often take the time to express their gratitude. I love getting this feedback from our community. We get a steady stream of thank you letters, emails, and phone calls detailing the great work of our members. We share these letters, emails, and phone call feedback with the crews involved, as there is no better form of positive affirmation than that directly from those whom we have served. In one particular phone call, a citizen wanted to let us know just how fantastic she thought one of our team members was. This call was not the result of some challenging emergency medical call or some big fire. No, it was something much simpler, something somewhat innocuous. This call was because one of our team members who was walking down the sidewalk took the time to stop and pick up some trash laying on the ground when everyone else was just walking by. This humble act of caring got noticed.



At Palm Beach Fire Rescue strive to deliver WOW customer service in everything we do. WOW for us means that we go way beyond our customer expectations, in a delighting and unexpected way. That does not mean we have to do something grand, WOW can be in the little things too. Little things such as taking the time to call someone's family member and let them know we are taking their mother to the hospital and that she is going to be ok; or packing an overnight bag for someone because we know they are going to be admitted to the hospital for a few days; or taking the time to gather some photographs and essential family treasures after a house has been damaged by a fire; these can be a WOW experience to someone. In case of the call discussed earlier, one of our team members picking up some trash when others walked by was a WOW experience to someone.

We gladly accept the fact that everything we do gets watched. We want people to know how

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Administrative Update

By Jimmy Duane

Assistant Chief

The MPSCC will be installing a new OpenSky radio tower high site in West Palm Beach at the One Watermark Place condominium located at the west side of the Flagler Memorial bridge. Contracts have been signed with Watermark condominium and work on the roof is being done with an expected completion in about 90 days. This will address our coverage concerns for the north end, where we typically lose radio signal strength. The tower will allow for radio high site transmission in downtown West Palm Beach and increased radio coverage to the Town of Palm Beach.



The remaining vehicles requiring annual preventive maintenance are being completed now. Ladder 99 is currently being serviced at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and is due to return in the coming days. As we start the new budget year, we also begin the new cycle for the annual preventative maintenance on all of the emergency vehicles. Our apparatus are essential to our primary function, responding to emergency incidents and serving the needs of our residents. They are expensive, highly technical pieces of equipment, therefore, this yearly maintenance plays an important role in identifying potential issues, which otherwise may have surfaced during an emergency incident. Just as important, daily maintenance of the apparatus and equipment carried on the apparatus plays an important role in the operation and longevity of it. It's rare to see a dirty fire truck here in the town and for good reason. Depending on the vehicle's purpose, we may utilize it as a front line apparatus for over 20 years.

The new apparatus on order is progressing on schedule. The ladder truck and engine have completed the engineering phase at Pierce. With the exception of some minor details, they are ready to begin building as scheduled. The new rescue will be delivered to the dealer in North Florida at the end of September. Following the final inspection by the rescue committee, the vehicle will be delivered here and in service during the third week in October. This unit will replace the Horton Rescue, Rescue 98, located at the North Fire Station. When placed in service, all of the front line rescues will be equipped with the new Stryker Power Load System, which increases both patient and firefighter safety while loading and transporting patients in the back of the rescue.

The purchase order was obtained for the installation of the Magnegrip exhaust removal system for Squad 97. Once installed, 100% of the vehicles parked in the bays will be equipped with this system.

The new Genesis extrication equipment upgrade was completed on all engines this month. This upgrade will help firefighters cut through and extricate victims from the many exotic cars we see on the island that are manufactured utilizing high strength low alloy (HSLA) and ultra-high strength metals.

Each year the Town conducts an asset inventory in accordance with Florida State Statutes. This capital asset inventory is required for all equipment, machinery and vehicles with an initial cost greater than or equal to \$2500. Thanks to our personnel, the inventory was completed quickly.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL...

BE AFRAID NOT TO TRY.

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EMS Division

By Sean Baker
Division Chief

Ultrasound

Prehospital ultrasound is a non-invasive, portable, medical imaging system that allows paramedics to visualize internal patient anatomy in the field to determine the proper treatment for our patients. Historically, the cost and logistics of ultrasound equipment relegated its use only to hospital settings. Advances in technology have allowed the expansion of this life saving equipment to be used in the pre-hospital setting, and have provided Palm Beach Fire Rescue Paramedics yet another tool to identify life-threatening conditions in the field. This is a direct result of a generous donation to Town of Palm Beach Public Safety by a town resident.

Some of the benefits of Pre-Hospital Ultrasound include: increasing the diagnostic accuracy for patients that are victims of sudden cardiac arrest, discovering internal injuries that are not visible after trauma, and providing on scene medical guidance as ER doctors will be able to interpret ultrasound images while paramedics are still on scene.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue Paramedics are currently training on this ground-breaking technology and we hope to have a portable unit available for our community by the end of 2018. As of this writing, there are only two agencies in the area that have the capability of offering portable ultrasound in a pre-hospital emergency setting. Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue is on the leading edge of patient care thanks to our progressive Medical Directors. The department will continue to explore the latest technology and methods to improve our patient care, with the ultimate goal of making the island the safest in the region.

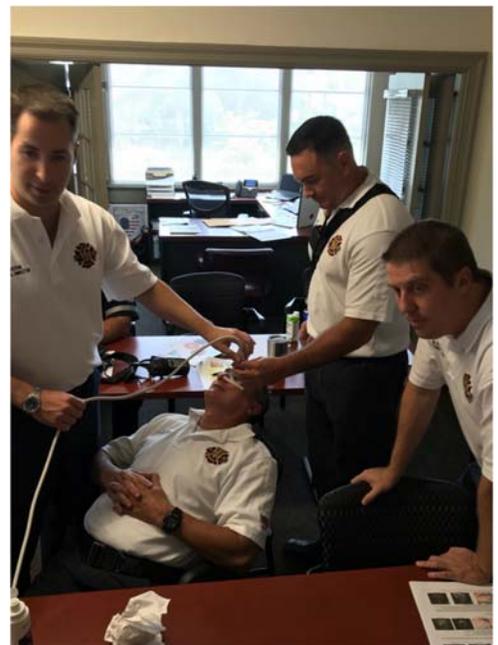
Everyone knows someone that has been affected by cancer. According to the Center for Disease Control, cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, second only to heart disease. Billions of dollars have been spent on the research front with the sole purpose of eradicating the cancer epidemic. Likewise, there has been countless dollars spent on the education front so that the general public is informed about steps they can take to prevent the disease.

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers, as it affects more people annually than all other forms of cancer combined. Living in beautiful South Florida makes our citizens even more susceptible to this form of cancer as the climate is enjoyable year round, and living in paradise leads to more exposure as we enjoy the area. Luckily, there are steps that can be taken to prevent skin cancer. The following is an outline of prevention guidelines that represent some of the best practices from experts in the field:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning beds.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses
- Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- See a dermatologist at least once a year for a professional skin exam.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue hopes that our residents have long and fruitful lives, and we will continue to provide the very best service possible to keep the community safe. Prevention is the key to this effort and with a little help from our community partners, we will continue to make the Town of Palm Beach one of the best places to visit and call home. Stay tuned for more.



Dr. Steven Keehn teaching ultrasound to paramedics

Fire Prevention

By Martin DeLoach
Fire Marshal



As fire service and fire prevention representatives we are constantly talking about the NFPA standards and codes. What is the NFPA and how do their codes and standards become so entrenched in the fire service? The answer is not simple and often the reference is not appropriate. The NFPA was formed in 1896 by a group of insurance firms with a stated purpose of standardizing the new and burgeoning market of fire sprinkler systems. The second code or standard that was created by this new organization was the forerunner of the national electric code issued by the "New York Board of Fire Underwrites."

Early on the codes/standards were created by consensus and committee. Today, all NFPA code/standard books are created by a committee with a chair. They are dedicated professionals that bring their knowledge or expertise to the table when the specifics of a NFPA document are written. There are around 380 different NFPA consensus codes and standards administered by more than 250 Technical Committees and 8,000 volunteers.

Understanding the process helps to recognize the limitations of what is contained in each NFPA document. Every good idea or thought must be supported by the people on the committee when each book is reviewed and updated every three years. Often items that end up in the final document are a combination of compromises to get to the end result. We must all remember that the codes are written to contain the minimum limitations or specifications on an item.

The fire service operations staff will often be overheard citing a specific NFPA standard for safety gear or a fire truck and even their own safety. The truth is that a standard or code does not apply unless it has been adopted by the organization or by the governmental agency. NFPA 1500 standard on fire department occupational safety and health programs was originally published in 1987. The document was written to help protect firefighters while actively fighting fires, safety in the fire station, their training, the vehicles, the protective clothing, member assistance, wellness programs, medical and physicals specifics for firefighters and critical incident stress programs. It would appear that most agencies as well as their employees would want to adopt and follow this standard. However the vast majority of fire departments and municipalities have chosen not to adopt and comply with the provisions of NFPA 1500.

We need to be careful when claiming we need strict adherence to the code when we haven't officially adopted them. In fire prevention we have our legislative body adopt the fire prevention codes every three years. This last January our new Florida Fire Prevention Code was adopted as well as upgrading all of the other fire prevention codes that are used for the construction of buildings, installing fire alarms, fire suppressions systems, fire extinguishers and so on, all are NFPA codes.

The process of seeking compliance with the prescriptive code like NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 requires a balance of understanding that the code is the minimum. Some creative designs were not thought of or fit into the boxed constraints of the prescriptive code. Architects and Engineers can and should try to use the principles of performance based design when the project does not fit into the boundaries of the prescriptive code. Fire prevention should avoid saying no and ask what else can you propose, to obtain the equivalent safety measures of the prescriptive code?

The reference by fire operations employees to the NFPA codes should be for comparison bases unless your department has adopted the specific NFPA codes to operate under. Often the reasons the codes are not adopted is the cost of compliance. In chapter 5 of NFPA 1500 all of the duties within the fire department would need to meet the specific requirements found in the professional standards for each position by NFPA standards and often the training cost are not available to the department.



Battalion Chief Article

By Dave Burke
Battalion Chief

When seconds can determine conditions and quality of life for your patient, speed counts. At 178 miles per hour, the two helicopters that cover all of Palm Beach County can make a difference. The Health Care District of Palm Beach County owns and operates both units, and travel to different municipalities to train with first responders. If you are new to our department or to the area, you will be impressed when up close and personal with these aircraft and their skilled crew.

There have been a few temporary changes to our response and the use of Trauma Hawk.

Our usual six (6) landing zones are temporarily reduced to four (4). We have lost the use of the landing zone at the Palm Beach Recreation Center until renovations are complete, estimated at over a year. Also, we have lost the use of the Breaker's Golf Course while it is under renovation through the end of 2018. Fortunately, the four in service landing zones are strategic locations with history proving these four locations are more than sufficient to serve the needs of our Town. Here are the four land zones straight from PBFR Procedure 307, let's review them:

- Bath and Tennis Club grass field
- Palm Beach Country Club Golf Course – 1st Hole fairway
- Palm Beach Everglades Club Golf Course – 2nd Hole fairway
- Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course – Driving Range Tee box area

Communications are key with most operations. A review of PBFR helicopter medivac policy reminds us:

- Battalion Chief (or initial incident commander) requests Trauma Hawk through dispatch and designates the landing zone by name. Using the name of the LZ avoids confusion, as the county does not recognize our zones. Use plain language and call out the LZ by location name.
- The closest available suppression unit will be dispatched to set up the landing zone. The company officer becomes the Landing Zone Officer. The LZO will make contact with Trauma Hawk on our primary channel, if not able notify dispatch and an immediate patch will be created for helicopter to LZ communications.



Palm Beach Fire Rescue developed a very successful Bridge Disruption Plan implemented when the Flagler Memorial Bridge was under construction, and the plan continues in a modified version with the construction of the Southern Blvd Bridge. This plan can be implemented whenever there are problems or unusually heavy congestion from or near any of the bridges leading to our Town. The disruption plan includes the consideration of use of the Trauma Hawk for delayed hospital transports at the incident commander's discretion. Fire officers and step ups are encouraged to review procedures and practice using communications, traffic preemption devices, and landing zone hardware.

Training

By Michael Marx
Division Chief

This month's training focused on the importance of practicing marine firefighting techniques. Marine vessel fires constitute one of the greatest challenges that structural fire fighters can face. The marine environment presents many unique challenges. It is very important that these challenges are identified and preplanned in order to have a successful outcome.



There are many different factors related to marine vessel firefighting that have to be properly managed. Having a good understanding of these factors is necessary in order to plan for the changing conditions that occur during a marine vessel fire. Some of these factors are items such as distance, tides, weather, vessel type, exposures and crew safety to name a few. The tactics and strategies utilized to attack a fire aboard a vessel are in many ways similar to those used routinely in structural firefighting. However, there are many aspects of marine firefighting that warrant special attentions because of the unique environment encountered aboard a marine vessel. Certain areas of the Town of Palm Beach present unique variables to these incidents. For example, within our town borders, location and distance can be a challenge as respect to getting the necessary firefighting equipment to the fire. Many of our residents have private docks located behind their homes, many of which are great distances from accessible access points. This issue creates long hose lays in relation to the origin of the fire. Vessel fires are unique in the fact that there is less time to make important critical decisions concerning strategies and tactics. Vessel fires burn hotter and faster than ordinary structure fires and add another dynamic in the form of hazardous material concerns. Ventilation of a marine vessel fire can be more difficult to achieve, and the component of water used to combat the fire can in itself create buoyancy problems.

Practicing techniques designed for marine vessel firefighting allows our firefighters to become more efficient for possible encounters within the Town's borders. Palm Beach Fire Rescue incorporates a piece of equipment into the Marine Vessel Standard Operating Guideline which is designed to give a little more time to firefighters when setting up operations at a vessel fire. This piece of equipment is a handheld portable Fire Interruption Technology device. It is intended for use by first responders as a light attack tool for Class A, B, C and K structure fires. The Fit-5's aerosol powder is non-toxic and does not affect oxygen levels. The powder is composed primarily of potassium bicarbonate, and contains no sodium and no chlorine. The powder is safe for use near electronic and other equipment. In a nut shell, The FIT-5 is a handheld fire suppression device designed for first responders and fire service professionals to help contain structure fires. When deployed, the FIT-5 releases a potassium based aerosol that dramatically knocks down flames and reduces room temperatures by hundreds of degrees in as little as 15 seconds. In addition to interrupting fire, the FIT-5 reduces the amount of water needed to extinguish fire by suppressing and preventing the spread of flames, thereby reducing water damage and property repair costs. Using the Fit-5 can buy an extra few critical minutes that can make the difference between a positive or negative outcome.



This month, crews from Palm Beach Fire Rescue were fortunate enough to have received permission from a local resident to use a private dock. Palm Beach Fire Rescue would like to extend our sincere gratitude as this thoughtful gesture has allowed personnel to visit the logistical and operational sides of a simulated event in the area. We would also like to thank any and all who might have been inconvenienced during our training evolution. This training was invaluable to our personnel and will prove to make the Town a safer place in the future.

Fire Chief's Message Con't

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much we care about this community and the people who live here, visit here, and work here. We want to surprise people by doing things beyond their expectations and in a way that delights them in a way they never expected. We strive to hear that natural response: WOW, I didn't know that the fire department would do that for me. We are grateful for the letters of appreciation, the words of thanks, the acknowledgment of a job well done, and the donations we receive from the community. These words of praise help fuel the passion for doing even more.



Marine Drill Pictures



Ocean Rescue

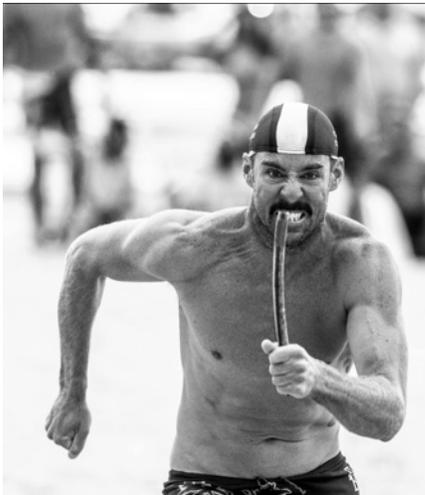
By Craig Pollock
Supervisor

This summer has been full of events for one current and one former Ocean Rescue employee. Back in June, lifeguard George Klein took part in an event called the Crossing for a Cure. The event was designed to raise money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. George paddled his 10'6" prone lifeguard board from Bimini back to Lake Worth. He also helped by raising nearly \$2000 for the Pipers Angels Foundation.

In July, George was back at it again, along with teammate and former Palm Beach Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Thomas Hogan, at the U.S.L.A. Southeast Regional Lifeguard Championships. This is a multi-day event pitting lifeguards against each other in many different events. George took home eight age group medals, including four firsts in events such as the distance paddle and beach flags. Thomas earned four firsts as well including the swim and paddle.

Thomas took part in his first ever pool swim meet at the age of 83 at this summers' USA Swimming National Championships in Indianapolis. He proved he was not a fish out of water by earning three medals at the event.

These two deserve a big round of applause for their accomplishments and in representing our town so well. Congratulations!



George Klein



Tommy Hogan

A leader is one who
knows the way, goes
the way, and shows
the way.

- John C. Maxwell



Why Little Things Matter

By: Skip Prichard, Posted at: <https://www.skipprichard.com/why-little-things-matter/>

Not too long ago, a major power outage affected millions of people in Arizona, California and Mexico. Two nuclear reactors were temporarily shut down. Traffic backed up for miles all over the area. Cars collided as frustrated drivers navigated without traffic signals. Airports were shut down, stranding passengers. Happening on an incredibly hot, triple-digit-temperature September day, the power outage knocked out much needed air conditioning. It left people stuck in elevators. Even the outdoors was affected. San Diego beaches were closed when almost two million gallons of raw sewage spilled, a result of the water pumps failure at the regional station. The failure continued to wreak havoc days after it was resolved.

Why did all of this happen?

It turns out that one person's actions were the cause of the blackout. It wasn't deliberate, but one employee at a power substation removed a piece of equipment or somehow tripped a switch in Yuma, southwest Arizona, and that single action caused the blackout.

One person unintentionally caused chaos for millions of people. One person didn't know how interconnected a piece of equipment was with the rest of the power grid.

Immediately, the news began to cover the fact that this could have been a terrorist attack. It showed the vulnerability of the electric grid. It demonstrated that we have interdependencies and connections without contingencies in place. All of these issues are important for government planning. Lots of studies began to talk about rectifying the obvious holes in the system.

Beyond these conclusions, what I took away from the electric outage were three lessons:

Every action has an impact, no matter whether we know it or not. One person taking one action resulted in dramatic and unexpected results.

We are more interconnected than ever. One person, seemingly doing a solitary act, was actually intertwined in the lives of many.

The unintended consequences—positive or negative—resulting from what we do can extend far beyond what we may imagine.

Our actions do make a difference. There are times when you may wonder whether what you do matters. It is possible that the encouraging words you said to someone about a job well done made a difference. Shoveling snow from the neighbor's walkway may have started a "pay it forward" line of thinking. It is also possible that the short-tempered, too-fast comments criticizing something also made an outsized, unintended impact. It is often the side conversation that means the most, not the prepared, dramatic speech. The big project or action we expected to mean everything sometimes is lost.

Today, go ask someone to remember a favorite relative and to describe a memory that vividly comes to mind. What I've often found is these memories are of something that the person would describe as insignificant: helping with homework, skipping stones on a pond, or just conversation around a kitchen table. The reality is that mundane events are what we remember in the long run. If I asked you to recall a teacher's encouraging words, and phoned the teacher, would that teacher even remember the dialogue? Probably not, and yet those words are still ringing in your subconscious, powerfully taking residence in your mind.

Whether for good or for bad, we may not know what words we say or what actions we take truly have an impact. The employee who removed the equipment would have absolutely no idea what the result would be.

And we don't know the true impact of today's actions. Even the smallest actions can cause unbelievable good or wreak havoc in unintended ways. Today, I want to remember the story of an unnamed worker in a substation in Arizona who changed a piece of equipment and plunged millions into darkness. I want to realize that every day, we all have that same power. We can harness it and use it deliberately, and make a meaningful and outsized impact. Through technology and telecommunications, we are interconnected with our world in ways that were never imagined just a few years ago. Each one of us in our way has a much greater impact than we know. Our job is to find it, understand it, and use it to the greatest positive influence possible. You can make a difference.

Leaders are Always on Stage

By: Scarlett Leadership Institute

Posted at: http://scarlettleadership.com/blog_email.cfm/blog_id/39462/Leaders-Are-Always-on-Stage

What does this mean? It means that every time you as a leader have an interaction with someone, whether an employee, waiter in a restaurant, neighbor at a sporting event, or any other place where you go, people are watching and listening and judging. It doesn't matter that you are off duty and on your own time, people are still watching. Because of your leadership position, everything you do is subject to scrutiny, and any misstep will be noticed. It's a huge responsibility and can be overwhelming, but it is something we must accept when we become leaders. No longer can we do or say anything we want and have it ignored. For example, comments that you make, possibly in jest or as just a suggestion, will be taken as a request for action. Casual comments can cause employees to undertake large work projects because they took it to be an assignment.

So be aware—know that everything you do is being watched, and that any behavior you demonstrate is considered to be acceptable for others as well. It's a heavy responsibility, but an opportunity as well. If you're up to the challenge, you can take every opportunity to be the positive example, to model the behavior, language, and action you wish to see in others.



Tommy Hogan, 83, affectionately known as Tartoe, retired Town of Palm Beach Ocean Lifeguard being cheered on by competitors as he finished his event in his age class at the USLA Regional Championship.



Photo Ops



Crews responded to a rollover accident on North Lake Way.



Crews responded to a car fire at the Palm Beach Country Club.



Town of Palm Beach Recreation Center Camp Palm Beach Fire Station Tour.



Crews participating in Marine Firefighting Training.

JULY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Training Hours

A Shift	553
B Shift	561
C Shift	591
Total	1705

Fire Prevention Inspections

50

Ocean Rescue

Visitors	13,775
Town Ordinance Enforcements	64
Preventative Actions	35
Beach Closures due to lightning	6

FIRE and EMS

FIRE Calls	97
EMS Calls	130
Transports to Hospital	79

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Sean Baker	09/11
Justin Millio	09/15
Jerry Castillo	09/16
Brian Matzen	09/18
Robert Richardson	09/18
Lauren Guzik-Molyneaux	09/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Craig Pollock	09/89	29 years
James Duane	09/92	26 years
Nancy Roedel	09/06	12 years
Richard Andrews	09/16	2 years
Dylan Devesty	09/16	2 years
Chase Angelocci	09/16	2 years
Jacob Brandjes	09/16	2 years
Kathryn Dombrowski	09/16	2 years
David Giuseffi-Crum	09/16	2 years
Adam Kramser	09/16	2 years
Robert Miraglia	09/16	2 years
Kristen Ruest	09/16	2 years

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH 2018:

January	Stephanie Mavigliano	July	Anthony Curtis
February	Craig Pollock	August	
March	Charles Shinn	September	
April	Kristen Ruest	October	
May	Anthony Curtis	November	
June	Frank Mavigliano	December	

Employee of the Month— Anthony Curtis

The Palm Beach Fire Rescue Awards Committee has chosen *Lieutenant Paramedic Anthony Curtis* as Employee of the Month for July 2018.

Lieutenant Curtis has served in the Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue organization for 2 years, starting his career on June 27, 2016. He is currently assigned to Truck 97 on "C" shift. Anthony has earned the respect of his peers and his supervisors with his exceptional work ethic and passion for training. He is the consummate professional that is constantly striving to improve himself and the department through hard work and dedication. His exceptional work ethic and leadership ability has made him a multi recipient of the Employee of the Month Award for December of 2016, April of 2017, and May of 2018.

Lieutenant Curtis currently works as an adjunct Fire Academy instructor at Palm Beach State College, is currently a Field Training Officer (FTO), and also an instructor for Wellington High School's Fire Science Academy.

Lieutenant Curtis consistently goes above and beyond his normal work duties. Throughout the past year, Lt. Curtis has assumed the duties of Liaison to the Division Chief of Training and Safety. He is the lead FTO, assisting in organizing and scheduling the training of all new hire recruits. He has expended an enormous effort in coordinating different instructors for specific training evolutions necessary to meet minimum fire department standards. He plays a significant role in the hands on development of the organizations operational personnel, and is responsible for the scheduling, managing and instructing of live fire training evolutions conducted through Palm Beach State College. Lt. Curtis consistently projects a positive attitude, is enthusiastic, and possesses the necessary qualities to portray the wow factor necessary to achieve our organization's vision and values.

This month, Lt. Curtis is being recognized for his invaluable service provided at the Marine Vessel Training Drills. These drills encompassed an immense amount of time and effort in regards to coordination and logistical planning. The Marine Vessel Training Drills were held over multiple days and afforded a new opportunity for fire rescue personnel to participate and learn in a unique location of the Town. Anthony's knowledge of Marine Vessel Firefighting Strategies and Tactics makes him the pinnacle of instructors for our department. He was able to establish a better understanding of expected standards while mitigating marine vessel events.

