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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

### July 2020 Edition

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# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #51 June, 2020  
Co.6 Herald Harbor

## Thank You!

“Many thanks for your help with our smoke detector! You were both magnificent! Just moved to this area and didn’t know whom to turn to. Many thanks for your quick reply, for coming to the house and doing such a great job! With Great appreciation, Alex Kowcz”

### Co.6

Lieutenant Dominic Nucifora  
FF Darrin Vick

June 2020  
To: Dominic & Darrin  
& the Herald Harbor Fire  
Dept.



Many thanks for your help  
with our Smoke Detector!  
You were Both Magnificent!  
Just Moved to this area and  
didn't know whom to turn to.  
Many Thanks for your Quick Reply  
for coming to the house and doing such  
a Great Job! With Great Appreciation  
Alex Kowcz

Dominic -  
your Grandmother  
in Millford must be  
so very proud of you!  
You were so kind  
and helpful!  
This Great!



## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Good News #52 July 5, 2020  
Battalion Chief-4 and Co.5 Waugh Chapel**

### Appreciation Email

From: Tameka Smith  
Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 1:07 PM  
Subject: Appreciation Email  
To: Tim Altomare, Trisha Wolford

Hello Chief Altomare and Chief Wolford-

When you have a moment, please read below. It is an email our office received yesterday, thanking both the police and fire department for their great work last Sunday. The constituents resides in Severna Park.

"When I experience good service from county workers I try to always send a note. Sunday afternoon my son and his family had a rather serious car accident when he apparently dozed off for a moment--at Veterans Highway and Generals Highway intersection. Officer J Church and several other county police and fire department personnel attended the scene. All acted in a most caring and professional way. Officer Church was organized, kind, thorough, professional, caring, from start to finish. Please thank him for his handling of this difficult time in my family's and others' lives. All are doing well--with a cracked sternum being the most serious."

#### **Battalion Chief-4**

Battalion Chief Paul Eichler

#### **Engine-5**

Lieutenant David Kernan  
FF Trevor Eckley  
FF/PM Nicholas Partenope  
FF Theodore Speier

#### **Medic-5**

FF FF/PM Kerri Maguire  
FF Annie Nickoles





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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #53 July 22, 2020  
Co.6 Herald Harbor & Co.40 West Annapolis**

### **Sherwood Forest Brewer Pond Brush Fire**

William Moulden  
Sherwood Forest, Maryland 21405

July 23, 2020

Dear Fire Chief Wolford,

I am writing to commend the actions of two of your firehouses, West Annapolis and Herald Harbor.

Yesterday, a smoldering fire was discovered within a County forest and conservation area at Brewer Pond on the Severn River. The fire site is inaccessible by road. The water approach is complicated by a narrow and shallow and near impassible channel.

The West Annapolis & Herald Harbor Fire Stations' response was wholly impressive. They were supported by the large County fire boat and a smaller fire boat from South River. The City of Annapolis also provided EMT support. EMT note, while no injuries were reported in the-9 1 1 call, it's assessable that they were on-site in the event that firefighters working in heat for hours, on steep slopes, and inside a forest, might become a heat casualty.

Within this instant morning, the large fire boat was able to squeeze into Brewer Pond on a high tide creatively using just its port engine which had just enough depth to tum. After 3 hours of work by this fire boat and approximately 12 firefighters the smoldering fire was put out prior to full ignition. Note, the captain of this large fire boat is remarkable. He knew what his tidal linger time was in this pond, before he lost high water to leave the pond. In essence, he creatively breeched the pond, suppressed a fire, and left before his boat was trapped by shallow water. This type of professional expertise was on full parade by every firefighter who responded.

Chief Wolford, it is important for you to know that these firefighters did not just put out a smoldering fire situated in a half foot thick bed of pine needles. They saved a Maryland treasure. I will elaborate.



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Good News #53 July 22, 2020  
Co.6 Herald Harbor & Co.40 West Annapolis

## Con't. - Sherwood Forest Brewer Pond Brush Fire

Brewer Pond is a 22-acre tidal pond surrounded by 50 acres of riparian (riverfront) forest, to include one-mile of living shoreline with more than a dozen globally listed threatened & endangered species. This pond and forest are considered the most important and last intact natural feature remaining on the Severn River. The property is the site of numerous spawning Chesapeake fishes amphibians, and reptiles. It is nationally renowned as a breeding area of Bald Eagles, colonial waders such as great and lesser herons, as well as reclusive forest interior dwellers such as the rare Baltimore Oriole.

The conservation and preservation of this last remaining fingerprint of God along the Severn River has spanned the interest of all Maryland Governors and Anne Arundel County Executives since 1995. This intact and complete environmental complex in the modern era dates back to the last Ice Age. The preserved area includes multiple and expansive Native American sites dating back 12,000 years, along with a primordial (still visible) fossil record spanning 25 million years.

Within 300 yards of yesterday's fire site was a Bald Eagle's nest, along with 5 Great Blue Heron nests. This colony of Great Blue Herons (a rookery) is the only one known on the Severn River.

Your firefighters did not just put out a smoldering fire standing by to ignite. They saved a natural treasure, the last of something here in Anne Arundel County. It would not have happened if all the right choices had not been made by your fire Captains. The choice to come heavy. The choice to call for fire boats. Captain Hamilton being over-head in his insertion brief, *We may be here all day- suck it up.* Everyone circling him knew that it was going to be another 100 F day in Maryland. Those to his front had an inspired can-do professional attitude.

Your on-site Captains are to be commended for their actions and their command influence, especially with supporting County & City firehouses. Their decisions and leader influence with others are in the best traditions of public service.

Thank you till the stars bum out.

God bless you - real good,

**Co.40 West Annapolis**

Capt. Keith Hamilton  
FF John Hafler  
FF/PM William Wauschek

**Co.6 Herald Harbor**

Lt. David Dowling  
FF Iester Shultzaberger

**FireBoat 41**

Lt. Marvin Reist  
FF Gregory Evans



## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #54 July 30, 2020  
Public Information & Public Education Office**

### **Thank You!**

Fm: Maserame Bess  
Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 10:49 PM  
To: Daniel Scotten, Russ Davies

Dear Captain Davies and Daniel,

Wow, where can I begin? You are awesome! You serve our community and this great State of Maryland with compassion and zeal. Thank you so much for all you do. Power in the Park 2020 would not be what it turned out to be without your kindness and support. On behalf of Power of His Glory Ministries and the community we say a hearty thank you to you and the AAC family. The Lord bless you indeed.

Warmest Regards,

Min. Ntshiuwa

"Looking good makes you Feel Good; Feeling good makes you Look Good"

**Public Information Office**

Captain Russ Davies

**Public Education Office**

Mr. Daniel Scotten



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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #55 July 30, 2020  
Battalion Chief-3 & Co.40 West Annapolis**

### **Notice of Appreciation**

From: **Brandon M. Beall -State Police-**  
Date: Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 4:50 PM  
Subject: Notice of Appreciation  
To: <[firechief@aacounty.org](mailto:firechief@aacounty.org)>

Chief Wolford,

I would like to notify you of an incident that occurred last night where your crews went above and beyond. I was traveling home on US Route 50 when a tire blew on my vehicle. I took the Crownsville exit and had to stop in the travel lane as I was driving on the rim. Soon after stopping a Chief (I did not get his name) from your department pulled up behind my vehicle and positioned his vehicle to block. We fought to get to the spare tire due to there being a vault in the rear of my vehicle. The Chief called for Truck 40 to assist due to the situation. While Truck 40 was enroute the Chief received a call for a gas leak. The chief remained with me until the arrival of Truck 40. Truck 40's crew was great and quickly got my tire changed. This was a task that they did not need to do and I wanted to share my appreciation with you. It was a wonderful reminder that there are still good people in this world. You have some great individuals working in your department.

Many thanks,

**Brandon Beall**  
Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Maryland Department of State Police  
Western Region - Hagerstown

**Battalion Chief-3**  
Battalion Chief Paul Doherty

**Truck-40**  
FF David Cox  
FF Michael Huffman  
FF Gabriel Ferragamo