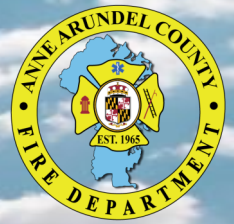




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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 2021 Edition

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #112 MFRI -Thank You Division Chief John Lane

Chief Trisha L. Wolford
Anne Arundel County Fire Department
8501 Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD 21108

Chief Wolford

I am presently instructing MFRI's Fire Inspector I Class for Howard County Department of Fire Rescue Services (HCDFRS), Training Academy. It's being presented virtually to 11 students on Web Ex.

In addition to HCDFRS, students represent most of the region's fire departments, including Anne Arundel and the State Fire Marshal's office.

Division Chief John Lane of your Fire Marshal's Office has been a valuable resource to the program. In addition to answering my occasional fire prevention code questions and providing inspection guidance, he set up a field trip for the class to visit Arundel Mills Mall last Wednesday.

The visit provided the students with an incredible opportunity to examine just about every type of sprinkler and fire alarm system; exit access corridors, doors, lighting and building construction; basically everything taught and discussed in the class.

Chief Lane described the fire protection systems and components completely and on a level that the students could understand and appreciate. The chiefs knowledge and experience is exceptional and the students were able to gain hands on experience to supplement the concepts and principles taught in the class.

The citizens of Anne Arundel County should sleep very well at night knowing that the chief of their fire marshals office has all the necessary essentials, skills and abilities to keep them safe. We are all very fortunate for Chief Lane's services to the county and the region.

I just want to thank Chief Lane for taking the time out of his busy day to assist our class with the field trip.

Respectfully,
Joseph B. Ross Jr.
MFRI Fire Instructor and Division Chief AACoFD Retired

Cc: Michael E. Cox, Jr., Director MFRI
William Anuszewski, Fire Chief, HCDFRS



**Division Chief
John Lane**



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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #113 Maryland Transportation Authority Police - Thank You Captains Russ Davies & Rusty Hallock

Captain Davies and Captain Hallock,

Thank you so much for providing paramedic support for our graduation ceremonies last Friday. The events were a success, and the support from Anne Arundel County Fire and Rescue was a part of the success. On behalf of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, thank you again!

With great admiration,
Bryant O. Oden

Lieutenant Bryant O. Oden
Maryland Transportation Authority Police Commander- Training Unit



Captain Russ Davies



Captain Rusty Hallock



GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Good News #114
Howard County Fire Rescue - Thank You FF Steve Hammond**



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

2201 Warwick Way, Marriottsville, MD 21104
410-313-6000

WILLIAM ANUSZEWSKI, FIRE CHIEF • CALVIN BALL, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 14, 2021

Dear Chief,

I would like to thank you for allowing Firefighter Steve Hammond to assist with our recent assessment center for Technician.

The professionalism, expertise, and dedication displayed by both men were exceptional. As a result, our process was completed in a timely manner.

Please express my appreciation to FF Hammond. If you should require any assistance from our department, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**William Anuszewski
Fire Chief**



**Firefighter II
Stephen Hammond**



GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #115

Kudos to your Awesome Firefighters - Waugh Chapel Company 5

To: firechief@aacounty.org

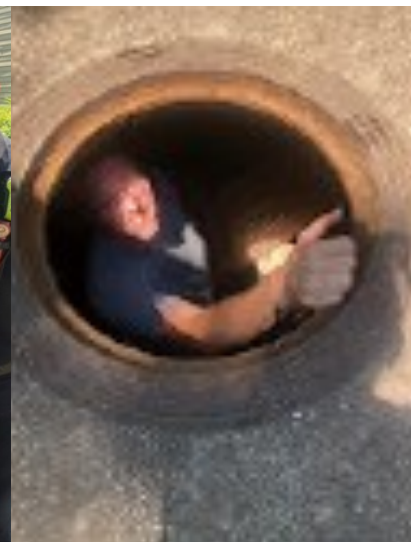
I wanted to make sure that you were aware of a situation your firefighters went above and beyond to save ducklings that were trapped in a storm drain. While on our daily walk, my friend and I encountered baby ducklings quacking and for lack of a better word “chirping” from below a storm drain.

We gathered other nearby pedestrians and tried to surmise a plan to retrieve and save these babies. We were able to remove the drain and view that they were stuck in the middle of the pipe leading to the other side of the street. After numerous failed attempts to get to the ducklings (filling buckets of water and actually trying to throw a ball thru, etc.) we decided we needed help from the big guns!

We called the Anne Arundel fire department and asked if they could dispatch a truck to help flush the ducklings out to safety. Shortly after the call, Waugh Chapel Engine # 5 came to the rescue! They devised a plan and through their expertise were able to determine the appropriate water pressure, angles, and flow needed to get the ducklings out safely and back to their frantic mom!

It was such a sweet moment, just like out of a Disney movie! We (grown men included) were teary eyed. These men and woman were true heroes! They stepped out of the box and did not think it a job too small or even that we were ridiculous for trying! They are such an integral part of the community and deserve praise! I have included some of the videos and pictures to show their efforts! I hope you can let them know how proud we are of them and thankful for their service!

Sincerely,
Victoria Hartford





GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #116

US Field Hockey – Thank You Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department

From: Peter Jones (USA Field Hockey)

Hi Chief Wolford,

I was calling to say thank you for the tremendous assistance that we got this past weekend event from the from the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department. We were having finals for to select teams for masters world cup for field hockey.

Our medical doctor was unable to attend so I started calling some fire service looking for EMT help. First, Lt. Schmidt was very helpful and gave me some names and ultimately Chief Sweeney with Woodland Beach came through and four of his folks, two on Saturday and two on Sunday, gave up time to support us.

Luckily, we didn't have anything major that require all their skills just a few minor things but we did not want to take a chance. They did a super job Lt. McDonald and three others.

So just wanted to say Thank You they were wonderful ambassador, they were fun to talk with, they were clearly there to do a job which they love doing, and we really thank everyone involved.

It is much, much, much appreciated. Thank you hope you have a good day.





GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #117 EMS Response - Thank You Severn Co.04

Annapolis Paramedic Team 36
Annapolis Fire Department Station
914 Bay Ridge Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Saving My Life

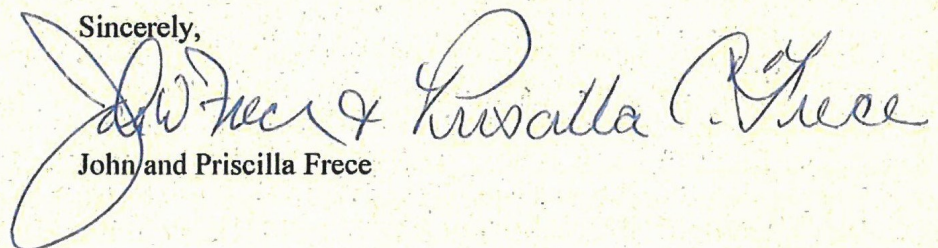
To the Annapolis Paramedic Team(s):

I do not want to be overly dramatic, but I believe your top-notch Paramedic Team saved my life on Wednesday, July 14. I am a 73-year-old longtime resident of Annapolis who happens to be allergic to bee stings. Wednesday morning, I was doing some yard work along a fence in my back yard and stumbled into (quite literally) a hornet's nest! I was stung at least four times – on both hands and on my stomach. By the time I walked across the yard to my home, I was already feeling the effects – throat constriction, tongue enlarging, dizziness, sweating, nausea.

My wife, Priscilla, immediately gave me two Benadryl and we decided the safe thing to do was to drive me to the Emergency Room to have me checked out. But my condition rapidly worsened and there was no time, so we called 911. We later learned the ambulance was dispatched from the Bay Ridge station and joined by Engine 8 from the Annapolis Neck station. They arrived quickly but by that time my eyes were shut and I was having difficulty breathing. We were searching for my Epi-Pen, which undoubtedly was out of date, when they pulled into the driveway. We were later told the team was headed by Captain Monico and ably assisted by Lieutenant Lehmann. By the time it was all over, there were as many as six or seven people here to help administer drugs and perform other lifesaving actions before rolling me out to the ambulance. All of this was done quickly, smoothly and with amazing precision. I still couldn't open my eyes so I really never saw any of them, and only got some names by calling one of the stations the day after the event. These dedicated men and women were great and I am writing to give them, and all of you who do this work, my and my family's heartfelt thanks. I really do believe it saved my life because by the time they walked through my door I was sinking fast. Their work was fast, competent, compassionate, and explanatory. And it was all done with good humor. To get the stretcher into the house near me, they had to move a heavy chair and table out of the way. After I was loaded into the ambulance, a couple of the guys came back and kindly moved the furniture back in place. Not only that, they reinstalled a pin in the side storm door that was removed so the stretcher could be brought in. It was all greatly appreciated.

You may wish to know that I sent a copy of this letter to Annapolis Fire Chief Douglas Remaley so he knows of the great work that you do. Whatever you are paid, it is not enough. As one of the attendants in the ambulance said to me as I thanked him (and the others) for their work, "This is what we do. This is just a day at the office." A good day, I'd say. Again, our thanks for their amazing work.

Sincerely,



John and Priscilla Frece



GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #118 Solley Cove Boat Ramp Opening - Thank You BC David Chen and Marine Unit

Thu, Jul 15, 2021

Fm: Colleen Joseph
To: David Chen

Chief Chen,

Thank you so much for your participation in our boat ramp ribbon cutting event at Solleys Cove today. You and your crew were great. The Lady Anne with the water on during the ribbon cutting was a hit, our guests were impressed. Thank you for accommodating the County Executive and others for a ride on Lady Anne, they loved and appreciated this special opportunity. I'll get my ride next time!

Colleen

The Best Place For All
Colleen Brown Joseph
Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks
Marketing and Communications Director





GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Good News #119
Thank You - Arundel Company 7**

From: Caroline Bracksieck
Date: Mon, Jul 19, 2021
Subject: Thank you
To: Fire Department

Ms. Bracksieck contacted Fire Alarm and wanted to send a "Thank You" to the ambulance crew of A-079 who treated and transported a seven year old male on June 13, 2021 from the 1100 block of Barbara Swann Way.

Nice job Ambulance -79!!!!



Ambulance-79 VFF Lorraine Bowes & VFF Ross Fauquier



GOOD NEWS



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #120 Thank You - Natural Gas Leak Incident

From: Laila Jones
Date: Mon, Jul 26, 2021
Subject: Thank you so much
To: Chief Wolford
CC: Timothy Lorenzano

Good Morning Chief,

Yesterday, I had this weird feeling that I smelled gas. It kept nagging at me so out of an abundance of caution, I called 911. In less than 3 minutes not 1 but three fire trucks showed up. They were so nice and kind to us and didn't make me feel as though we were wasting their time.

I just wanted to tell you how amazing your team is. They came from three separate stations and were all helpful and ready to go. They provided a fan to disperse the smell. (I think I cooked too much as it was my daughter's 18th birthday and we had celebrated earlier) They even showed us how to move the stove back in place and explained why fire alarms only last 10 years.

Thank you for everything your department does.

Sincerely,
Laila Jones.

Laila Jones
Office of the County Executive
Community Engagement Officer





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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #121 Praise - Paramedic Student FF Daniel Cvach - BWMC

From: Loane, Paula
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021
To: Jennifer Wicker (Anne Arundel Community College EMT & Paramedic Programs)
Subject: Paramedic Student

Good morning,

I just wanted to pass on some feedback on the last student that we had here, we believe it was Monday. He worked with our Chief CRNA who had very positive things to say about his intubation skills. She is copied here in the event you had questions and she expressed her observations to him in real time, but I like to give praise where it's due.

Have a great day!

Paula C. Loane, MSN, RN, PCCN

Perioperative Education Specialist

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical
Center



Firefighter II Daniel Cvach