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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 2020 Edition

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**Good News #43 June 1, 2020
Battalion 3 - Medic-42, Engine-41, EMS-3, BC-3**



Anne Arundel County Police Department
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Timothy J. Altomare
Chief of Police

July 9, 2020

Chief Trisha Wolford
Anne Arundel County
Fire Department

Chief Wolford,

I wanted to take a moment to recognize a few of your outstanding Fire Department members. This is a personal thank you for their compassion and professionalism as they handled a call for someone who is of the utmost importance to me, my son. On June 1, 2020 my son had a medical emergency which caused me to call 911 for your help. It's not something I imagined at the Chief of Police, needing to call 911 for someone in my own home, but I did and your department responded.

They took over and immediately put my son, my family, and me at ease. I felt as if they were treating a member of their own family, and it could not have made me prouder to know that they treat every citizen the same as they treated my family.

Lt. Cecil Bradley, FFIII Matthew Coll, FF/PM Joseph Kipe, FF Ty Nichols, Lt. Dan Frend, and BC Jim Craze, Thank you, from the bottom of my heart for the job you did that day, and the job you do every day.

Engine-41

Lieutenant Cecil Bradley
FF III Matthew Coll

EMS-3

Lieutenant Dan Friend

Medic-42

FF/PM Joseph Kipe

Battalion Chief-3

BC Jim Craze

Chief Timothy Altomare



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**Good News #44 June 1, 2020
Lake Waterford Water Rescue - Co.30 Armiger**

From: LT/PM Holly Hathaway
Date: Mon, Jun 1, 2020
Subject: Lake Waterford Water Rescue

I recently spent time with the Park Superintendent of Lake Waterford and one of her Rangers. They both expressed great admiration for the physical ability and technical skill of our crews that responded to the drowning at their park on May 14, 2020. They specifically noted the crews' fitness levels of accessing a distant location quickly and efficiently. They even went so far as to compliment the ability of the driver of the ambulance in their skilled driving accessing a difficult egress point. I wanted to pass along how impressed they were with the crews that responded that day.

Lieutenant/Paramedic Holly Hathaway
EMS 2
Anne Arundel County Fire Department



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Good News #45 June 3, 2020 Firefighter Rodney Hyde - Co.6 Herald Harbor

From: Fire Rescue Reports
Date: Wed, Jun 3, 2020
Subject: 30 - Kudos Capt Hyde
To:
Cc: <dvitberg@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Good Afternoon -

This morning I responded to a heavy rescue at the 95/695 split on the west side of the beltway. A tractor trailer carrying a full load of appliances lost an axle, lost control, monster-truck style drove over a 4-door vehicle with 2 occupants, pinned the vehicle against both the jersey wall and wedged the vehicle under the trailer along the fast shoulder between the jersey wall and back wheels of the trailer. The path of destruction pulling up to this scene was visibly scattered for a 1/2 mile approach along the west side of the beltway. To top things off, the front end of the tractor trailer was fully engulfed.

Miraculously, Capt Hyde was travelling home from work along the beltway as this crash occurred. Even with the flames from the front end of the trailer licking up toward the pinned vehicle, he climbed over the jersey wall, entered through a small purchase in the pinned vehicle, helped pull out the driver, then from the inside of the driver's side compartment, directed the rescue of a heavily entrapped female passenger. I arrived just as the passenger was extricated. After helping the medic get the passenger assessed and on the way to trauma, I walked back and surveyed the scene with Capt Hyde and some of the other folks on scene.

God works in mysterious ways. Looking at the wreckage as things were wrapping up, I was amazed at how quickly and efficiently the passenger was extricated from this jumbled mess. I'd like to think we'd all jump into the pinned car with flames inching closer like Capt - but this was next level selfless courage. Forgive me if this is the wrong format to share this message - but I just wanted to personally thank Capt Hyde for being in the right place, at the right time, and for doing all the right things to effect an incredible rescue. The patient is doing well and will make a full recovery.

Its evident to me from spending time at the firehouse over the past week that Capt Hyde's knowledge, expertise, and passion for service are shared by so many of the members I've met thus far.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join the ranks of LVFC and to learn from and ride alongside a team that always seems to get the job done.

Kudos to Capt Hyde for making the critical difference this morning.
Sent by: David Vitberg (310558)





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**Good News #46 June 3, 2020
Company 17 Arnold Volunteer Fire Company**

From: Mike Leonard
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020
To: Ron Block
Subject: Thank You

Ron:

I cannot thank you enough for making Wednesday such a special birthday for my son Julian. We will remember that experience forever. The Arnold FD was so accommodating and interacted with Julian from a safe distance. There is nothing he loves more than the personnel, gear, the sirens, the lights, the apparatus, uniforms, the mission, etc. of the Fire Service.

I understand we are out of the Cape St. Clair VFD's district so I assume you contacted the Arnold VFD to pull it off. I truly appreciate it. I already reached out to the Chief of the Arnold VFD to thank him as well. Many thanks.

Regards,
Mike L.

Michael Leonard
Mid-Atlantic Territory Vice President
Motorola Solutions, Inc.



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**Good News #47 June 12, 2020
Medic 28 - Co.28 Odenton**

From: 'Randy Purkey'
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020
To: FireChief <firechief@aacounty.org>
Subject:

Chief Wolford,

I just wanted to drop you a line to tell you how pleased I was with the crew of MU28"D" from June 12. My oldest son was cutting the grass for me and the mower found a rusty piece of wire hiding in the grass and shot it up at him. The wire impaled him. I knew this was one of those injuries that paramedic daddy couldn't fix at home, and since he was in such severe pain I had my wife call for EMS. I was expecting MU5 or MU6 since we live on Indian Landing Rd, but I guess they were serving others. When MU28 arrived, I had the wire stabilized and covered so I just carried him over. The paramedic, Kaitlin Hook was a former student of ours at AACC and she made me proud. Her and her EMT partner were professional and calming to my son throughout the whole ordeal and even checked back in with him before going back in service. She had him calm and his pain nicely controlled by the time we reached AAMC. Luckily, the wound was superficial and missed his bone, and after a tetanus booster and a course of antibiotics, he has healed up nicely and is back to normal.

The care provided by MU28's crew made a very stressful event for my family as pleasant as it could be. It makes me proud to know, as a county resident and colleague in EMS, we have such great clinicians to serve us, and you are lucky to have them on your team.

Randy Purkey
Indian Landing Rd, Millersville
Annapolis FD EMS36 "B" shift

Medic-28
FF/PM Kaitlin Hook
FF II Hunter Riggs





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Good News #48 June 18, 2020

Public Risk Management Award - Innovative Emergency Response Training



C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
2ND DISTRICT, MARYLAND
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

June 18, 2020

The Honorable Steuart Pittman
Anne Arundel County Executive
Arundel Center
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear County Executive Pittman:

I am writing to commend you on Anne Arundel County receiving national awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) for the County's innovative emergency response training.

These two awards are not just a testament to your excellent leadership, but also to the entire Anne Arundel County government's unwavering commitment to providing top-notch service to your constituents. I know that, under your leadership, Anne Arundel County will continue to shine as an example to the more than 3,000 other counties across our nation.

Congratulations, once again, on the County being nationally recognized by NACo and PRIMA. I look forward to continuing to work together to best serve our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,

C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger
Member of Congress

c: Ms. Christine Anderson Romans, Anne Arundel County Central Services Officer
Nilesh Kalyanaraman, MD, Anne Arundel County Health Officer
Ms. Trisha Wolford, Anne Arundel County Fire Chief



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**Good News #49 June 24 & July 8, 2020
Severn Food Distribution Drive @ Van Bokkelen Elementary School**

From: Sheryl Menendez
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020
To: firechief@aacounty.org
Subject: Thank You!

Good morning,

There is just no way I could adequately express my extreme gratitude, for what I witnessed on Wednesday 6/24/20 during our RCDC/LOTWFM COVID-19 Food giveaway with our First Responders of Anne Arundel County . I do not have each persons email address, but I am assured you will see they receive this message.

To see our Chief T. Wolford, of Anne Arundel County Fire Department and her team come, stay, bag, serve and help was a bit overwhelming for me. I watched Police and Fire departments greet GUEST and load cars with food, with kindness and professionalism. The atmosphere everyone created, was powerful.

This was our 10th Food give away in last 10 weeks, I must say, this team help to make it one of, If not the best !

Regards,
Sheryl Menendez, Pastor
Light of the World Family
Ministries Glen Burnie, Md. &
Executive Director
Restoration Community
Development Corp.
H204LIFE Adolescent Clubhouses
Annapolis & Brooklyn Park,
Md.



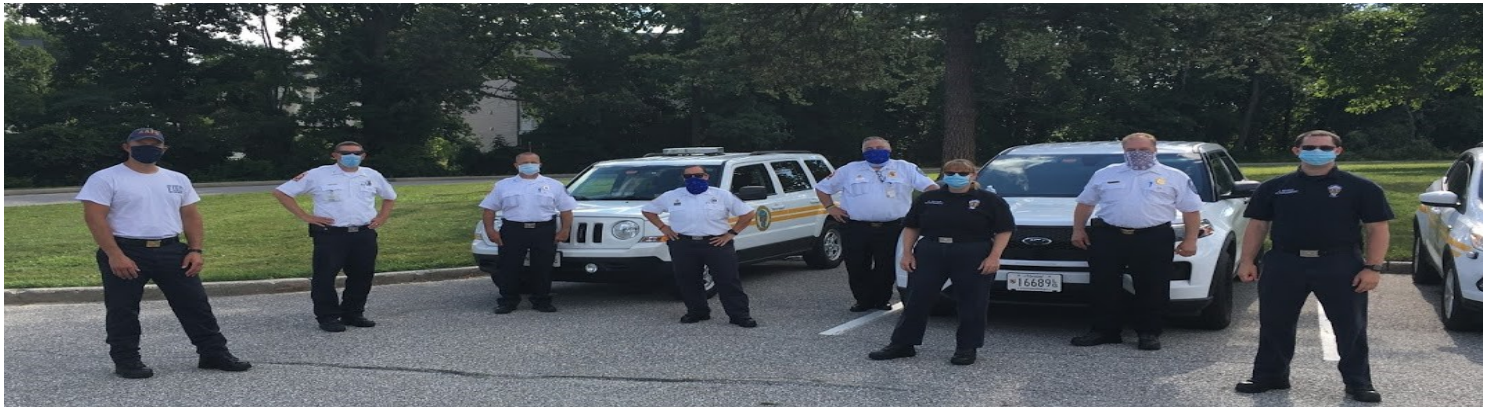


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**Good News #50 June 26, 2020
Ambulance- 29 - Company 2 Woodland Beach**

From: Sejal Mattu
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2020
Subject: a big THANK YOU!
To: firechief@aacounty.org

Dear Chief Wolford,

I am writing this letter to you to express my deepest gratitude to the pre-hospital care team on Ambulance 29, specifically:
Paramedic Caleb Cobb
EMT Heather Charters
EMT Guy Schelhouse

After having a bad mishap at home on June 26th, 2020, my husband called 911 and this team promptly arrived. The team remained professional at all times but tried to stay light-hearted to make me feel comfortable during an unexpected and scary situation. I can't thank them enough.

This is a difficult and stressful time dealing with COVID-19 and all its uncertainties. As a healthcare professional, I truly understand the risks we all take in providing the best of care to our patients and keeping everyone safe. I am so grateful for the care provided by Caleb, Heather, and Guy.

They are true heroes in my book and I felt it was important for you and them to know this. Besides, everyone could use some good news these days. :)

All of you - stay well and stay safe!

With sincere appreciation,
Sejal Mattu, M.D.

Ambulance 29
Paramedic Caleb Cobb
EMT Heather Charters
EMT Guy Schelhouse