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# **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

# March 2022 Edition

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# GOODONEVS ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #139

#### THANK YOU - Co.26 South Glen Burnie "C-Shift"

Sean & Raschelle Casterline #### Battersea Place Severn, MD 21144

March 25, 2022 Fire Headquarters 8501 Veterans Hwy Millersville, MD 21108

Attn: Chief Trisha Wolford - firechief@aacounty.org

Re: Station 26 South Glen Burnie "C Shift"

Dear Chief Wolford,

I am writing this on behalf of myself and my husband Sean who on January 8, 2022 had a massive heart attack at our home in Severn.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding performance of Station 26 South Glen Burnie "C Shift". The outcome of this story could have been one of great sadness and tragedy; thankfully I got the BEST bunch of firefighters, and EMT's in AA County! From the time these men charged through our bedroom door until the time they carried him so careful down 17 steps to the ambulance, they had only one thing as their goal, to resuscitate my husband from this heart attack that was trying to take his life.

At the time they only knew he was having a multi-lead heart attack and they were not giving up on him. He fought so hard to stay alive that they couldn't even intubate him in the field. These men fought him and NEVER gave up on him. They worked tirelessly for more than 30 minutes with 7 minutes of CPR, 6 shocks, and countless meds to get him stable enough to be transported to the hospital.

At the hospital after getting the news that it was touch and go and that my husband just not make it, I was guided to the trauma room where I got to see him before he was taken to the Cath lab. As I was waiting for him to be transported, Firefighter Ryan Bramble approached and hugged me and told me they did everything they could and that he was in good hands. Being alone in this situation it was just the bit of reassurance that I needed at that moment.

Little did those amazing men know they saved my husband from a widow maker heart attack. Those men gave him the chance to get to the hospitals Cath lab so that those amazing health care workers could do their part to save his life.<sup>2</sup>



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The following day in ICU as we were waiting to be transferred to a floor room we got an unexpected visitor. It was Firefighter Bramble again checking in to see how Sean was doing! How amazing, he had learned from the ER staff that he had survived and he just wanted to check in on us! WOW, above and beyond!! You can't even know how grateful my husband was to see one of the men that saved his life.

When he was released and we got home, we thought he'd lost his wedding band. In this process I reached out to Firehouse 26 and just so happened to catch one of the amazing men that saved Sean's life on the other end! He expressed how amazing it was that he was alive, home and doing well! That outcome like this is why they do what they do! He invited us to the firehouse when Sean was up to it, to meet all the guys.

Two weeks later we did just that, and I tell you the welcome Sean and I got was amazing!! They were all so thrilled to see him and so proud that they had saved his life! To say I am grateful and proud of these men is an understatement. I only have my husband by my side because of these AMAZING men!!

As the weather warms we will have the guys and their families over for a celebration cook out. We can't thank them enough for what they did for us. We will always be grateful and feel these 8 men are a part of our family. Thank you Lieut. Joseph Holland, Lieut. Shawn Coleman, FF/EMT Ross Draheim, FF/EMT Scott Allen, FF/EMT Wesley Liberto, FF/EMT Mike Corsilli, FF/ Paramedic Ryan Bramble and FF/Paramedic Matt Sadrovitz!!

In closing I would like to thank you, for having such amazing emergency personnel. Without those amazing people I wouldn't have a husband today!

Sincerely, Raschelle Casterline



#### THANK YOU - Co.26 South Glen Burnie "C-Shift"

<u>Truck - 26</u> Lt. Shawn Coleman FF III Michael Draheim FF II Michael Corsilli



Lt. Shawn Coleman

Engine - 261 Lt. Joseph Holland FF III Scott Allen FFPM Ryan Bramble

Medic - 26 FFPM Matthew Sadrovitz FF II Wesley Liberto EMS -1 - Lt. David Lookingbill



Lt. Joseph Holland



**FFPM Matthew Sadrovitz** 



FF III Michael Draheim



FF II Michael Corsilli



FF III Scott Allen



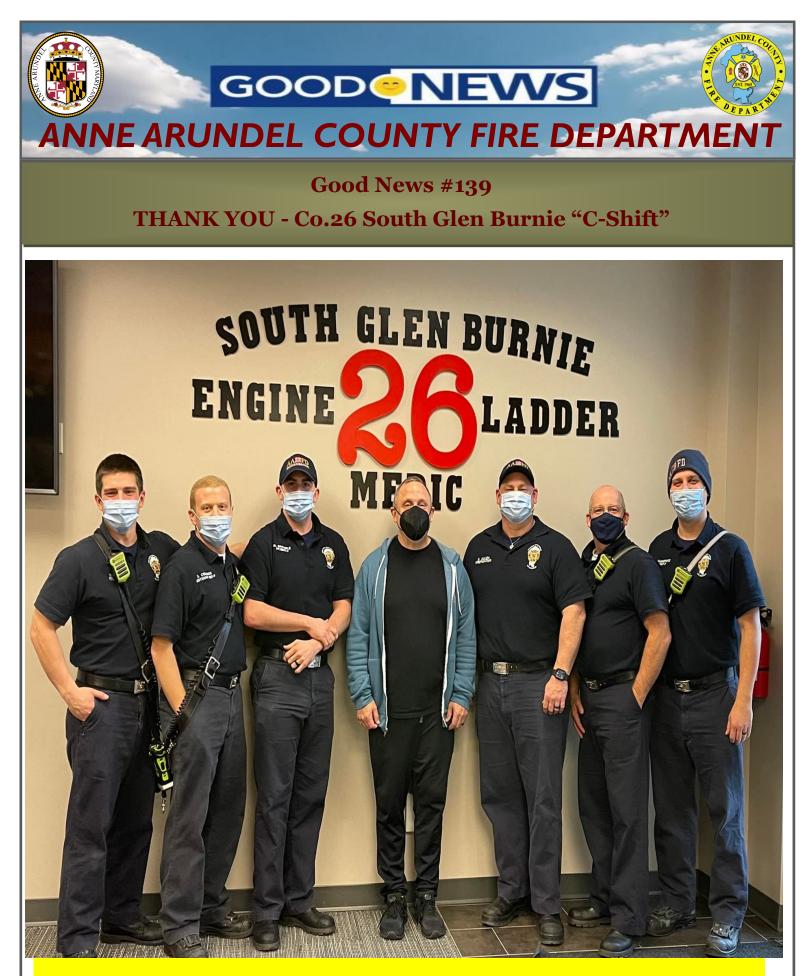
**FFPM Ryan Bramble** 



**FF II Wesley Liberto** 



Lt. David Lookingbill



Left-Right: FF Wesley Liberto, Lt. Shawn Coleman, FFPM Ryan Bramble, Mr. Sean Casterline (patient), FF III Scott Allen, Lt. Joseph Holland, FFPM Matthew Sadrovitz

# GOOD ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #140

# **CONGRATULATIONS - Deputy Fire Chief Lisa Mayers** 4th Annual Women's History Month - Michelle Obama Awards



March 23, 2022 - The Anne Arundel County Fire Department is pleased to announce that Deputy Chief Lisa Mayers received a Michelle Obama Award. Deputy Chief Mayers is a 34 veteran of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. Most recently she spearheaded the Fire Department's response to the COVID 19 virus. Deputy Chief Mayers also designed and leads the Thanksgiving Food Basket drive which has provided 1,000's of dinners to needy families through out Anne Arundel County. Deputy Chief Mayers definitely shows and leads with strength during delicate times.



4th Annual Women's History Month **Michelle Obama Awards** "Sources of Strength in Delicate Times"



Gloria

Dent





Ethel

Terry Henson Leon Wirth



Susv Bunmi Omisore Smith



In partnership with

Taylor Varela-Addeo Yi

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# GOOD NEV/S ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #141

## **CONGRATULATIONS - Captain Donna McGuire & VFF Randy Sanger Central Maryland Chamber Spirit of Community Awards**



March 28, 2022 - Captain Donna McGuire of the Fire Marshal's Office and Volunteer Firefighter Randy Sanger from Odenton Volunteer Fire Department, Station 28, received a 2022 "Spirit of Community Award" presented by the Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce. This award celebrates and honors educators, public safety officers, and military personnel for their

community contributions. The Anne Arundel County Fire Department would like to congratulate and thank both Captain McGuire and VFF Sanger for their dedication to the residents of Anne Arundel County.



Left-Right: Division Chief John Lane, Captain Donna McGuire, Fire Chief Wolford, VFF Randy Sanger, Volunteer Chief Chuck Tucker, and Lt. Jennifer Macallair



**CONGRATULATIONS** - Lt. Jennifer Macallair FBI Academy Graduation Session #281



March 17, 2022 - Lt Jennifer Macallair of the Fire Investigation Bureau graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This 10-week program provides classes in many different aspects of Law Enforcement. Lt. Macallair completed coursework in leadership, communication, and collaboration. 258 U.S. & international law enforcement managers recently graduated from Session 281. Director Christopher Wray joined other leaders in congratulating Session 281 & presenting diplomas.





#### THANK YOU - Co.19 Cape St. Claire "B-Shift"

March 21, 2022

**Chief Tricia L. Wolford** Chief of the Fire Department 8501 Veterans Highway Millersville, MD 21108

Chief Wolford,

On Wednesday, March 16, at approximately 6:30 pm, I received a phone call from a neighbor of my mother who is in Cape St. Claire. He stated that there was an ambulance in front of Mother's house. Once he approached and encountered the Fire Service personnel from Station 19, he re-contacted me, stating that my mother was on the floor, conscious but unable to unlock the sliding door. He handed the phone to one of the Firefighters so that I could speak with them directly. Given the nature of the situation, I let them know that I was comfortable with them doing a forced entry if necessary. (My brother had just installed a key lockbox three days prior but had not left a key in the box since he had only one with him at the time). A few minutes later, one of the Fire personnel re-contacted me to advise that they had been able to make entry through a downstairs window and were doing their assessment of my mother and asked questions on her medical history. I informed them that I was a retired Lieutenant from Paramedic 5, so he gave me a thorough review of what their assessment was revealing and stated that they would probably be transporting to Anne Arundel Medical Center. I then received one more phone call advising that they were preparing to transport and confirmed that AAMC was not under any alert status.

Even though I had been in the Fire Service for many years, it was still quite disconcerting to receive such news about a family member and even more so considering the amount of time I had to travel before getting to my mother's location. The Lieutenant and Firefighters from Station 19 acted with the utmost professionalism and compassion, not only in their care provided to my mother but also in their concern by re-contacting me twice to let me know her condition and making sure that I knew her destination. Also, their checking the windows before forcing a door saved me from having to make repairs on an already stressful night. I feel that they went above and beyond in their service to my family that day. At the hospital and several times later, my mother expressed great appreciation for the care and kindness provided by the Fire department personnel. She was released late that night without any significant injury and is back home.

Please convey our sincerest appreciation to the personnel for their dedication to the profession and maintaining the highest standards of one of Maryland's leading EMS/Fire service organizations.

Sincerely,

David Williams



## THANK YOU - Co.19 Cape St. Claire "B-shift"

Engine - 194 Lt. Adam Mayock FFPM Stephanie Temple FF II Paul Wetzel Ambulance - 199 FF II Dawud Dockery FF II Richard Lage



Lt. Adam Mayock



**FFPM Stephanie Temple** 



#### FF II Paul Wetzel



FF II Dawud Dockery



**FF II Richard Lage** 



#### **THANK YOU - Anne Arundel County Fire Department**

**2022 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge** 



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COLONEL WOODROW W. JONES III SUPERINTENDENT

April 11, 2022

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

Dear Chief Wolford:

On behalf of the Maryland State Police, thank you for the outstanding support of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department during the 2022 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge and Plungefest for Special Olympics. The services and support provided to this weekend of events by your dedicated personnel was substantial and integral to the overall success of Plungefest.

The assistance of your Department with emergency medical services was coordinated by Battalion Chief David Chen. Again this year, Battalion Chief Chen was the epitome of competent professionalism and enthusiastic confidence. He never wavered in response to altered event schedules or requests for additional assistance. He was truly a pleasure to work with and was a valued partner in the planning and execution of this year's events.

Battalion Chief Chen agreed to assist with scheduling personnel on-site during this year's 24-hour Super Plunge, held the weekend of March 18 – 19, 2022. He ensured appropriate medic units and other resources were on-site during the Cool Schools Plunge on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Police/Fire/Military and Corporate Plunges on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the multiple plunges on Plunge Day, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Battalion Chief Chen and those under his command exemplified professionalism and dedication to duty. There were many members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department who staffed medic units, fire trucks, and mobile teams working the park. They were supported by members of county volunteer fire departments who were coordinated by your Department. Each one represented your Department in an outstanding way. I thank each of them for their service.

Thank you for taking the time to attend the reception and opening event for the Police/Fire/Military Plunge. Your presence was evidence of your support for this unique event series and the great cause of Special Olympics Maryland.

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The support the Anne Arundel County Fire Department continues to provide the Plunge has been invaluable in our efforts to provide adequate emergency services for a unique and challenging event. The emergency medical services plan and resources at Plungefest are outstanding and enable us to do all we can to ensure the safety of participants and preparedness if an emergency occurs.

Thank you for the partnership of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department in our ongoing work to support Special Olympics Maryland and their programs that provide free-of-charge year-round sports training and competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. You and the women and men of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department truly help us keep the 'Flame of Hope' burning brightly for the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.



**BC David Chen** 

Sincerely,

Woodrow W. Jones III Superimendent

Some of the participating units: Ambulance - 29 Woodland Beach Ambulance - 199 Cape St. Claire Medic Unit - 23 Jones Station Medical Ambulance Bus - 32 Linthicum



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2022 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge

