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May 2020 Edition

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Good News #38 May 7, 2020 Duck Rescue @ Co.40 West Annapolis

From: Perez, Ariana
Date: Thu, May 7, 2020
Subject: AAMC's ducklings
To: Trisha Wolford

Good afternoon Fire Chief Wolford,

Hope you're well! Earlier today, a team from the AA County FD dispatched to Anne Arundel Medical Center's campus to help 2 ducklings that got stuck in a water drain. Keith Hamilton, Derryl and Ken Matthews spent a good chunk of time saving one of the little ducklings (who was very stubborn and kept jumping from their hands).

I wanted to make sure I gave them a shout out for their awesome work! It's not a simple task to catch these little creatures, especially when it's warm outside and the water drains are tough to work with. They demonstrated dedication, integrity, compassion and overall good-old fashioned desire to help even the littlest and fluffiest 'members' of our community. **Thank you to Keith, Derryl and Ken for coming out, rescuing two ducklings and reuniting them with their mom!** Especially during a time that many consider scary to go out in public for fears of being exposed. I appreciate you all!

Attached is a photo I took of one of the ducklings, should you wish to share and in case it brings your team a smile. Take care and be safe.

Ariana
Ariana Perez
Communications Specialist, Public Relations and Marketing
Anne Arundel Medical Center

Engine 402
Captain Keith Hamilton
FF Darryl Campbell II
FF/EMTP Kenneth Matthews





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Good News #39 May 14, 2020 Fairview Beach Fire @ Co.10 Jacobsville

From: MarkM Miller –DNR-
Date: Fri, May 15, 2020
Subject: Kudos Crews
To: firechief@aacounty.org

Greetings Chief Wolford,

I would like to take a moment and let you know what an exceptional job your crews did yesterday on the fatal fire in Pasadena.

I arrived moments prior by boat along with **Engine 10** and confirmed a elderly female was trapped inside. I saw first hand the exceptional bravery of the crews trying to gain access to the interior of the home, with extreme heavy fire conditions. The individual members "went to work" without hesitation. Your **EMS officer and Fire Investigator** displayed compassion and empathy with the victim's husband and family members.

Sometimes we get caught up in the incident and the true heroes are never recognized or acknowledged. Please let the crews and commanders know they did an exceptional job with the circumstances they were dealt. I have always had a great working relationship with members of your organization on various incidents.

I understood later that a couple firefighters were transported with minor injuries. I hope their recovery is fast.

Be Safe!

Thanks Again,
Ofc. Mark Miller
Maryland Natural Resources
Police

Engine 101

Lieutenant Steven McElroy
FF/PM Michael Klein
FF/PM Gregory Shinn

Fire Investigations

Captain Marcus Wallace
Lieutenant Kristian Hall
FF Matthew Winchell

EMS 2

Lieutenant Holly Hathaway



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Good News #40 May 15, 2020 - PRIMA 2020 Award

From: Shannon Hojnowski
Date: Fri, May 15, 2020
Subject: PRIMA 2020 Award
To: Trisha Wolford
CC: Christine Romans, Nicole Liening

Good Afternoon,

Thank you again for all of your support of the Emergency Response Training. We were so fortunate to be able to work with **Autumn Snyder and the Fire Department** on this project and look forward to providing this training again in the near future. I shared our successes with Christine Romans and Nicole Liening and they encouraged me to enter the program for a national award, and we WON! Below is the message from the Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA):

PRIMA is pleased to inform you that your entry, Traumatic Emergency Response Training is the award winner in PRIMA's 2020 Outstanding Achievement for a Public Risk Management Program award category. The applications received were impressive and presented the judges with the arduous task of selecting the best submission from a robust applicant pool. Your entry demonstrated excellence and relevance, keys to a successful organization's risk management program and one that surely can benefit the public sector risk management profession.

Thank you,
Shannon

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Good News #41 May 17, 2020 Go-Team Deployment

From: Lawner, Ben
Date: Sun, May 17, 2020
Subject: Go-Team Deployment
To: Jon Wendell , Galvagno, Samuel

Dear colleagues,

Just wanted to give a shout out to the efforts of **AACoFD personnel** during this morning's Go-Team deployment. They were tasked with an exceedingly difficult extrication. They provided pain management with subdissociative ketamine and prepared the patient for transport via Trp1 to Shock Trauma. The Go-Team will occasionally eclipse the praise of the on-scene EMS and Fire Rescue personnel- this incident clearly highlighted the actions of those on scene and how critical those were to a favorable patient outcome. Kudos- and a good start to EMS week.

Ben

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Good News #42 May 21, 2020 Gratitude for Co.42 Deale

From: Michael Walls
Date: Fri, May 22, 2020
Subject: Gratitude
To: firechief@aacounty.org

Chief Wolford,

I would like to express my gratitude for the **B shift crew out of Deale Fire Department** on the evening of Thursday, 21 May, 2020. I am the Chair of the Finance Committee at the Friendship United Methodist Church and wanted to replace the torn and tattered US flag and Christian flag atop our flag pole in front of the church.

I quickly realized that the rope was jammed at the top of the pole despite all my efforts to loosen it. I made one phone call to the shift lieutenant at the fire department in Deale and he told me they would be happy to help. I met the crew on the ladder truck at the church a few hours later, around 1930. They promptly identified and fixed the stuck rope issue, they tested the system, they helped me change out the flags with new ones and even said they would take care of proper disposal of the torn flags.

The crew was courteous, professional, prompt and showed a genuine interest in resolving my problem. Small actions like that make that crew and the fire department stand head and shoulders above the rest. Please extend my thanks to that crew.

Sincerely,
Michael Walls, MSN, PhD, RN
Chair, Finance Committee
(former career firefighter and paramedic)

Truck 42
Lieutenant Robert Schmidt
FFIII Darrin Vick
FF/PM Matthew Gaughen
FFII Sam Ciallella