



Fully Involved

1st Annual Awards Ceremony

Saturday, February 20, 2010 marked a very special occasion in the history of the 1st Annual Concord Department of Fire & Life Safety Annual Awards Ceremony was held at Crossroads Church. Department members and their friends and families came together to see coworkers recognized by the department. Work started last August 2009 as the Awards and Medals Committee was assembled and challenged with the task of forming an awards ceremony. This included reworking the SOG for awards and was certainly a learning experience for all members. As this was the first annual awards program, acts from previous years were considered for recognition.

Awards presented included four personnel who were presented the Medal of Valor, the second highest award in the department, recipients included Ryan Lee, Randell Carrington, Todd Eury, and Brown Barnhardt.

Medal of Valor:

This medal is presented for an act of heroism, which is clearly above and beyond the call of duty and exemplifies the highest degree of professionalism.

June 1993

Edwin Shaver and Ryan Lee as members of Rescue 3186 responded to a call for chest pains. Upon arrival there was a chaotic mass of people and Ed Shaver was assaulted; Ryan Lee rushed over and stepped between Shaver and the assailant stopping further injury. Edwin Shaver later received 40 stitches to his lip in the ER from the assault.

Engine 3151 was then dispatched to assist Concord Police with crowd control. Fidel was hit on the shoulder with a cinder block, instantly knocking him to the ground and dislocating his shoulder. Randell pulled Fidel to safety.

Ryan Lee and Randell Carrington acted in the best tradition of the fire service by saving a brother firefighter's life.

1991

Battalion Chief Todd Eury and Captain Brown Barnhardt were rookies at Concord Fire Department at the time of this incident. They were eating lunch in Charlotte on Hwy 49, noticed a vehicle in the roadway which appeared to have been struck in the rear by another vehicle. The vehicle quickly became involved in fire and the occupants were screaming trying to open the doors but could not. Todd and Brown got all four passengers out of the vehicle and checked them for burns and injuries.



Bragging Board



- Caleb and Cory Miller are the proud parents of Carly Marie Miller. She was born February 5th at 6:32-am. She weighs 6lbs 12oz and is 19.5" long.

Hot Topics

- *March 12, 2010*
BBQ Chicken and Cornhole Tournament to benefit the Branson Family.

Life Saving-Fire:

This award is given to employees who save another's life by the use of (primarily) firefighting skills, training and techniques. To qualify for this award, it must be shown that, without the effective use of firefighting skills, another human would have perished.

2007, 262 Kerr St

Jason Cook, Rodney Short

As members of Engine 1, Jason and Rodney located and removed a subject from a dwelling fire that refused to leave the burning home. The subject suffered minor injuries.

2007, 455 Union St, at 05:15

Philip Burriss as a member of Rescue 1 conducted a primary search, located and removed a subject from a working dwelling fire. The subject suffered minor injuries.

7-22-05, at 00:07, 295 Hatley Cr

Lester Cragan, Galen Shumaker

Engine 1 arrived on scene of a working dwelling fire in a two-story residence. E1 arrived to find 2 children hanging out of a second story window with heavy smoke pushing from the opening behind them. Lester and Galen quickly retrieved an extension ladder from Engine 1 and rescued the two children from the window.

Life Saving-Rescue:

This award is given to employees who save another's life by the use of (primarily) rescue skills, training and techniques. To qualify for this award, it must be shown that, without the effective use of rescue skills, another human would have perished.

6-20-91, at 20:15, 100 Warren C. Coleman Blvd

Clarence Lawing, Jeff Smith, Edwin Shaver, Tim Crainshaw, Kerry Ritchie

These members saved a boy from a storm water drain after heavy rains caused flood waters to sweep the boy into the drain-pipe. The boy was rescued without serious injury.

9-13-02, Weddington Rd

E5/R5: R.D. Faggart, Jason Hudson, John Frame, Melanie Jordan, (John Busse)

Units responded to a vehicle accident, vehicle down an embankment. EMS was on scene at the patient, so E5/R5 began rigging a haul system using R5 as the anchor point to lower a basket to the patient. The patient was loaded and hauled back up the embankment where he was flown from the scene.

5-27-05, at 12:20, 14 Marietta Pl

Collapse 5

Todd Jones, Richard Armstrong, Jason Hudson, Terry Page, Melanie Jordan, Richard Wallace

E2 responded to a vehicle accident where it was reported there was a vehicle under the house. E2 called for the Collapse Team due to the front support pillars of the home had been destroyed and the house was resting on the cab of the truck with the driver pinned inside. The collapse team used pneumatic shores to stabilize the house and then raised the house off the vehicle with hydraulic jacks. The vehicle was pulled from under the house by a wrecker and the patient was removed and transported.

7-7-05, at 16:26, Concord Mills Blvd, Babies R' Us

Collapse 5

Fidel Goodnight, Mike Hill, Tim McDonald, John Wayne, Nick White of Collapse 5 is being recognized for the safe and effective removal of a construction worker who became trapped in a trench after the trench collapsed in on him.

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Jeff Luck, Jeff Smith, Mike Mundale, Tim Jones, Brian Hutchens, Duane Shinn, Chris Hyatt, Shane Davis, Dylan Daquila, James Isenhour

These members are being awarded the Certificate of Commendation for assisting the collapse team with removal of the patient from the trench.

10-13-07, Old Airport Rd

R1/E4: Rick Wright, Steve Blackwelder, Darryl Reese, Jason Cook, Michael Lunceford

Units responded to a vehicle overturned and down an embankment. E4 and R1 began extrication of the one male patient and rigged a haul system to raise the patient up the embankment to the waiting EMS unit.

12-5-09, 23:59, 5490 Concord Parkway South, Lowe's Motor Speedway

E5, L9, E6, R7, B2

Josh Simpson, Greg Wright, Josh Hughes, Brian Jahant, Mark Goss, James Johnson, Joshua Simpson, John Potts, Edwin Shaver, Brent Widenhouse, Bret Leonard, Todd Jones, Richard Wallace, Don Petersen, Justin Caldwell, Lee Reading

Units responded to a vehicle accident where a vehicle had crashed into the State Highway Patrol building and up under the decking. R7 began to stabilize and brace the decking as extrication began. The patient was pinned by the decking and the dash of the vehicle. The patient was removed and transported. The performance by the companies involved made this a quick extrication of less than 20 minutes.

Life Saving-Medical:

This award is presented to employees who save another's life by the use of (primarily) medical skills, training and techniques. To qualify for this award, it must be shown that, without the effective use of medical skills, another human would have perished. For the purpose of this award, a save shall be defined as the restoration of the patient's cardiac function and/or breathing; or there must be documented evidence that the patient's medical condition presented the probability of eminent death without the medical intervention of department personnel.

No date known, 281 Concord Parkway South

R3: Jason Stewart and Jake Williams

R3 arrived and found patient pulseless and not breathing and began CPR. This was before AED's were placed on the truck. CPR continued to the hospital in the ambulance. The patient was eventually released from the hospital some time later.

No date known, Derita and Christenbury Pkwy

Jake Williams

After leaving work one morning, Jake ran up on a wreck and performed CPR on the unresponsive patient. The patient is alive and well today.

1995 or 1997, Spring Street at the old Boys and Girls Club

R1: Mike Hill and Richard Bergeron

On election day in 95 or 97 a poll worker suffered a heart attack and R1 responded and began CPR. This was before AED's were placed on the truck. The patient lived for 2 weeks in the hospital and was able to talk and respond to family members.

2003, Brookwood Apartments

E2: Todd Eury, Brown Barnhardt, Shane Bolick

E2 arrived on scene of a male patient found unresponsive who had been playing basketball with his family. The patient was pulseless, not breathing and cyanotic. E2 placed an oralpharangeal airway and began CPR. The patient was transported to the hospital with a pulse and is alive and well today.

4-12-06, at 00:48, Georgia Street

Mark Goss, Robbie Boyd, Shawn Burris and Lester Cragan performed CPR on a dwelling fire victim and revived him three separate times. The patient lived for three months before dying from a stroke.

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Gerald Harris received a Certificate of Commendation for this incident as the pump operator of the working dwelling fire, he enabled his crew to enter the structure, extinguish the flames and pull the victim to safety.

7-5-08, 3053 Parade Ln.

Brad Hunt, Larry Lefler

E8 responded to an unresponsive patient and began CPR. CPR continued to the hospital. The patient spent 3-4 weeks in the hospital and was released with only some short term memory loss.

10-8-08, at 20:35, 2321 Concord Parkway South, Philip Morris

E3: Allen Smith, Melanie Jordan, Shane Bolick, Justin Caldwell

Engine 3 responded to a call for a worker trapped in a machine, upon arrival plant personnel had removed the patient from the machinery and began assessing his injuries. E3 personnel began CPR, suctioned the patient and monitored his airway and the AED which said no shock advised. Ladder 3 and Rescue 3 assisted with packaging the patient for transport. The patient lived for two weeks in the intensive care unit.

5-20-09, at 02:44, 3943 Kellybrook Dr.

E4: R.D. Faggart, Andre' Bergeron, Josh Kelly

E4 arrived on scene of an unresponsive patient and began CPR. E4 personnel established airway and put AED in place, shock was advised. The patient was shocked and CPR was resumed. The patient was transported with a pulse to the hospital. The patient was eventually released from the hospital into a rehab facility and was learning to talk and regain the use of his arms when he suffered a stroke and died 3 months later.

8-22-09, 11:40, Concord Parkway South and McGill Ave

As a member of L3, Joe Coyle is being presented the Life Saving Medical Award for his actions at the scene of a two vehicle accident involving two pinned priority one patients in one vehicle. Joe used his extraordinary BLS skills, placed an airway and performed rescue breathing on a 14 year old male patient pinned in the rear seat by the driver who was pinned in her seat by the vehicle itself. The driver had to be extricated first to allow access to the boy and Joe stayed by his side ventilating the patient during the extrication process. The driver of the vehicle passed away, the 14 year old patient was in a coma but has since awakened and is alert and oriented.

Members of E3, L3, R7 and B1 were also recognized:

Todd Eury, Shane Bolick, Melanie Jordan, Jeff Tracey, Martin Harwood, Jeremy Burris, Frank Poppiti, Chad Rodgers, Todd Jones, Rusty Wallace, Justin Caldwell, Jarrad Tracy

These members are being awarded a Certificate of Commendation for the exceptional performance and quick actions to extricate two patients and get them to advanced life support care.

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The following four awards were voted on by a panel of three members from an outside department. One non-voting member from within the fire department served in an advisory capacity to this panel. I will read the narrative for each award as it was submitted by the nominator.

Officer of the Year:

This award is presented to an officer, Captain and above, who has displayed a commitment to his profession, organization; and community. The award exemplifies a high degree of leadership, motivation, supervisory skills, superior job knowledge, and personal accomplishments.

This person was nominated by two of his co-workers. I will read a combination of the two narratives.

When the nominator requested the above information from the nominee he responded with the following statement:

"I do not feel deserving of this award. True Firefighters are giving and not taking. That's why you don't hear of good deeds through the city e-mail or "I Saw a Star" tributes. Firefighters do it because of the love of serving, helping, and standing for good in a world that seems to be out of control. We don't expect a pat on the back, just the love of riding that Truck and helping others in times of need. I'm living a dream, and I don't want to wake up."

I love this statement. I love it so much I printed it out and posted it in my locker to remind me of who I want to be in this department. Someone full of passion for the job and compassion for the citizens we serve. Someone grounded and loyal and dedicated to the profession that I can proudly say I am a part of. This person is a tremendous leader, one who is always willing to share his knowledge and go the extra mile for his firefighters. Everyone I know wants to work for him, wants to be a part of his legacy and learn from him. He never has anything bad to say about anybody and raises the moral just by walking in the room. This nominee leads by example and has always held this department in the highest regards. He has a smile for everyone he meets and is a shining example for all.

The 2009 Concord Department of Fire and Life Safety Officer of the Year is John Eury.

Firefighter of the Year:

This award is presented to a Specialist, Senior Firefighter, Firefighter II or Firefighter I, who has displayed a commitment to his or her profession, organization and community. The award exemplifies a high degree of motivation and leadership skills to his/her team or unit, the ability to be an effective team leader, superior job knowledge, and personal accomplishments.

This person deserves to be awarded "Fire Fighter of the Year" because of the commitment, energy and positive attitude he brings to Concord Fire and Life Safety.

The nominee was a volunteer for a number of years, assigned to Ladder 27 in Long Island, NY. The department consisted of all volunteers, with extensive experience, most of which worked for FDNY. He received advice and training from some of the best New York had to offer. All of this, he has brought to this department to benefit all of us.

This firefighter has worked for Cabarrus County EMS for the last several years. During the last year he has acquired his EMT-I, with 6 months of training and passing the state exam. There is not a better person in the department to have at a medical emergency than this man. He has extraordinary BLS skills and any patient he tends to, is in good hands.

This firefighter has made an impact on the department from his first day of rookie school. During the 20 weeks of class, all we heard about was "some old man making young men look unfit." He raised everyone's level of play in class and on the training ground. Presently, this ball of fire is on display every third day on "Ladder 3 C".

There is very little down time on his day to day tour at the station. He is currently involved with the Customer Service Team, in which, he assisted with training the department on improving skills in this area. He is also a part of the Wellness Team and is always researching ways to improve fitness and wellness department wide. He is always present for the department's yearly job skills event, fitness assessments and the JRPAT for the new hires. During the flu season he assisted with fitting the department and other city employees with heppa masks to prevent the spread of this virus.

When the fire educator needed work done on their remote fire truck, he researched how to fix it, made contact with the company and is currently finishing it up. He is always willing to help or give a hand to anyone who is in need.

Not only is this person a motivated employee, he is a motivator. He is always giving words of encouragement to his peers, to bring out their best. He is the member of the team that makes everyone around him better. This man is one of the most determined and driven individuals I've had the privilege to work with. What comes to mind for most, when they think of a Firefighter, are the highest of standards. Standards that this firefighter possesses are among those that many of our elder employees possess. You cannot instill these standards in recruits straight out of school. Our department is lucky to have him.

In a perfect world all of our firefighters would have qualities such as his. This firefighter is in a class all by himself.

The 2009 Concord Department of Fire and Life Safety Firefighter of the Year is Joseph Coyle.

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Employee of the Year:

This award is presented to an individual of the Fire Department (outside the Operations Division), who has displayed a total commitment to his/her profession, organization, and community. The award exemplifies an untiring and unselfish devotion to "one's-fellow-man".

When I (the nominator) began this nomination I emailed the nominee for the above information and he responded with the following statement:

"I sincerely appreciate the thought but I want to assure you it is unnecessary. I really do enjoy being under the radar and it's enough that you thought of me. I firmly believe in the higher power that guides us all. Through that, being able to use my given time and talents to provide safe apparatus to those of you providing assistance to our fellow man is reward enough. With that said if you decide to proceed with this here is the info you requested."

This statement itself tells you what a wonderful person and dedicated employee this person is to this department. For an example, Engine 3 ran a "smoke in a structure" call on Central Dr. The call ended up being nothing, but we used the cord reel mounted on top of the apparatus to power some fans for smoke removal. Upon reeling the cord back up it became jammed and consequently jammed the reel motor as well. We had greater than 100 feet of power cord on the ground and no way to reel it up. We contacted this person and without question he responded to assist us. We later found out he had been home, off work already, painting the nursery for his unborn baby girl. The nominee could have easily told us just to gather the cord up, throw it up on top of the truck and he'd get to it in the morning. No, he came with no question, willing to help, got the cord reel operating correctly and our truck in service with everything operating as it should.

The nominee may feel like he's just doing his job, but in my opinion (and others as well), he goes above and beyond what is expected. He's always open to questions and willing to share his knowledge. He allows me to come to work knowing that I'm driving a safe and well-maintained apparatus.

Additionally, this person is in charge of keeping 12 front line apparatus in service with little help and numerous pieces of reserve apparatus. He has completely updated the way maintenance records are logged and kept (now on computer) and is proactive on maintenance issues.

This nominee is certainly deserving of this recognition, proving to be a committed employee to this department.

The 2009 Concord Department of Fire and Life Safety Employee of the Year is David Booth.

Rookie of the Year:

This award is presented to the employee who best demonstrates their willingness and ability to assume the duties of a newly appointed firefighter with the department. Eligible employees shall have completed their probationary year during the calendar year of the award and be nominated by another member of the department.

This person served as a co-leader for his recruit class 13 and carried out those duties well. Since that time, he has proven to be a dedicated employee, assisting with other recruit classes, assisting with live burns and giving motivational talks to those recruit classes as well.

This person is working on his Fire Protection Technology degree and has completed the educational methodology course to become a North Carolina certified fire instructor. Additionally, this person is currently enrolled in the department's Officer Candidate School to build his knowledge base.

This person has contributed to his community as a volunteer firefighter with Union Cross Fire Rescue in Kernersville and now after moving to Concord serves with the Odell Fire Department.

This person is a model employee who gives of himself and his time to help make this department better.

The 2009 Concord Department of Fire and Life Safety Rookie of the Year is Joshua N. Simpson.

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Warrant of Promotion:

These awards are being given for promotions received from 2004 to present and will be the highest ranking promotion the individual has received since that time. When your name is called please make your way to the stage to receive your certificate.

Warrant of Promotions**Deputy Chief**

Ray Allen 11/05/2007

Battalion Chief

Roger Cline 09/08/2008

Todd Eury 09/08/2008

Fidel Goodnight 09/08/2008

James Isenhour 11/05/2007

Lee Readling 02/01/2007

Phil Bryant 05/09/2005

Keith Fitch 09/13/2004

Battalion Captain

Jake Williams 07/27/2009

Tim Baxter 07/27/2009

Mark Goodman 07/28/2008

Mike Carter 01/28/2008

Mike Smith 01/29/2007

Edwin Shaver II 01/31/2005

Allen Smith 07/30/2004

Captain

Shane Davis 07/27/2009

Jason Howell 07/27/2009

Jason Stewart 07/27/2009

Thomas Knox 02/09/2009

Shane Bolick 02/09/2009

Josh Simpson 12/01/2008

Chris Price 10/06/2008

Chad Sherrill 09/08/2008

Mark Goss 09/08/2008

Richard Bergeron 09/08/2008

Martin Harwood 07/30/2007

Brown Barnhardt 01/29/2007

Donald Ward 01/29/2007

Bobby Byerly 07/31/2006

Kerwin Cauble 01/30/2006

Clint Little 09/13/2004

Specialist

Michael Lunceford 02/08/2010

Richard Wallace 02/08/2010

Chris Hyatt 02/09/2009

Kevin Kirk 02/09/2009

Jeremy Burris 07/28/2008

Jason Hudson 07/30/2007

Senior Firefighter

Jim Barbee 11/02/2009

Shawn Burris 11/05/2007

Brad Hunt 11/05/2007

Terry Page 05/08/2006

Melanie Jordan 05/08/2006

Jimmy Morgan 05/08/2006

Codey Elwood 11/07/2005

John Frame 11/07/2005

Galen Shumaker 05/09/2005

Ben Augustyn 05/09/2005

Andre' Bergeron 10/25/2004

Rodney Short 10/25/2004

Firefighter II

Matthew Boyd 11/02/2009

Scott Brantley 11/02/2009

Bret Leonard 11/02/2009

Jeff Luck 11/02/2009

Brent Seagraves 11/02/2009

Jody Hall 11/30/2008

Jason Dyer 05/05/2008

Curtis Collins 05/05/2008

Rusty Starnes 05/05/2008

Scott Payne 05/05/2008

Kerry Ritchie 05/05/2008

Frank Poppiti 11/05/2007

Charlie Wallace 11/05/2007

Phillip Burris 05/09/2005

Larry Lefler 05/09/2005

Renee Lutz 05/09/2005

Robert Boyd 10/25/2004

Daryl Reese 10/25/2004

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Certificate of Commendation:

This award is presented to an individual or unit for acts of exceptional performance at the scene of an emergency which may or may not involve personal risk; but, demonstrates a high degree of professionalism, outstanding service, or outstanding administrative accomplishments.

No date known. Rick Gilleland while traveling on Hwy 73 saw a person in Lake Howell and stopped to call 911. Rick remained until the woman was rescued. Had he not stopped, the woman would have perished.

5-20-2000, 5555 Concord Parkway South, (Bridge Collapse)

James Overcash, Speedway Crew: Don Ward, Warren Hatley Rescue 3: John Eury, Duane Shinn, and Martin Harwood. For the safe and effective removal of 100+ patients during the pedestrian bridge collapse at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

7-2007, Aniston AL

Tim Jones, while attending school at the Center for Domestic Preparedness saw a security guard caught between an electric closing gate and a vehicle leaving the campus. Tim quickly disengaged the gate and freed the guard.

1-4-2009, at 00:48, I -85 at mm49

E9, L9, E6, R7, B2

Mark Goodman, Shane Davis, Robbie Boyd, Curtis Collins, Lester Cragan, Larry Lefler, Jody Hall, Andrew Johnson, Alan Hicks, Brad Hunt, Lynn Eagle, Bruce Hodges, Chris McKinney, and Fidel Goodnight. For the effective treatment and removal from harm of 16 patients mostly children. Several patients were ejected, and even with the trauma that the children had suffered, our members showed valor through out the incident and were not distracted from providing treatment. All but one patient survived.

8-20-09, at 0602, Concord Parkway South and Roberta Church Rd

E5, E3, L3, R7, B2

Edwin Shaver, Greg Wright, Nick White, Josh Hughes, Brian Jahant, Shane Bolick, Melanie Jordan, Jeff Tracey, Martin Harwood, Jeremy Burris, Frank Poppiti, Joe Coyle, Chad Rodgers, Todd Jones, Rusty Wallace, Don Petersen, and Justin Caldwell. Units responded to a motor vehicle accident involving 2 vehicles that struck in a T-bone collision. E5 arrived on scene and extinguished an engine compartment fire in the first vehicle and then began extrication of the vehicle's two pinned occupants. E3 arrived and began extrication with L3 on the second vehicle's only patient who was also pinned in his vehicle. R7 arrived and assisted with extrication. EMS deemed the two occupants of the first vehicle deceased. The occupant of the second vehicle was successfully removed and transported to the hospital.

Certificate of Appreciation:

This award is presented to an individual either called upon to serve or through initiative, has acted in a way that reflects positively upon the Department.

Kim Smith

This award is being presented for her exceptional service and dedication as the team captain for the Relay for Life and the department recruiter for the United Way campaign. Kim's commitment and enthusiasm for these events encourage all of us to get involved.

Melanie Jordan & Deana Martin

This award presented for dedication to the department in preparation for the awards program.

Fire Prevention/Emergency Management:

This award will be for personnel who by their action have a positive affect on life safety to the public, either direct or indirect. This may be from fire inspections, classes taught, investigations conducted, or programs.

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Norman Franklin, Amanda Butler

This award is being presented for their implementation of the Cabarrus County Fire Safety Bowl. The Fire Safety Bowl involves area 4th and 5th graders competing for a title and continuing to the regional competition.

Deana Martin, John Wayne, Renee' Lutz, Michael Nichols

This award is presented for provided assistance at the Cabarrus County Fire Safety Bowl.

Chad Sherrill

This award is being presented to Chad for his service as judge and moderator at the Cabarrus County Fire Safety Bowl.

Jim Sells

This award is being presented for his implementation of the CERT program. The Community Emergency Response Teams are a group of 15 teams made up of more than 300 people who are trained with basic preparedness skills. Teams are trained in basic first aid, basic search techniques, and how to secure utilities among other things should a disaster happen in their neighborhood.

2005

E5/R5: Todd Jones, Richard Armstrong, Jason Hudson, Melanie Jordan, Terry Page, and Richard Wallace. Capt. Jones observed and acted upon the need for smoke detectors in the Paradise Estates Mobile Home Park in station 5's area. Over several months E5 and R5 installed over 500 smoke detectors. Most of the homes did not have even one working detector prior to the installations.

Educational Achievement Level I:

This award is presented to the individual who has obtained an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Kerwin Cauble	Jim Barbee	Jim Sells	Jason Stewart	Todd Eury
Donald Ward	Tim Baxter	Jody Hall	Jeremy Burris	Roger Cline
Chad Sherrill	Edwin Shaver II	Lester Cragan	Shane Bolick	
Mike Carter	Mark Goodman	Lee Reading	Adam Ryerson	
Jason Howell	Shane Davis	Todd Jones	John Eury	
Bobby Byerly	Richard V. Bergeron II	Jason Hudson	Thomas Knox	
Brown Barnhardt	Chris Hyatt	Martin Harwood	Bobby Eagle	
Mark Goss	Duane Shinn	Chris Hartsell	James Isenhour	
Mike Smith	Jake Williams	Bear Bryant	James Preddy	
Phil Bryant	Mark Brown	Chris Price	Fidel Goodnight	
			Keith Fitch	

Educational Achievement Award Level II:

This award is presented to the individual who has obtained a Bachelors degree.

Darren O'Brien	Curtis Teague
Dylan Daquila	Jody Hall
Brown Barnhardt	Ray Allen
Michael Nichols	Thomas Knox
P.J. Cwynar	James Isenhour
Benjamin Klauder	Fidel Goodnight
Mike Carter	Derek Porter
Nick Brazee	Keith Fitch
Edwin Shaver II	Amanda Butler
Mark Goodman	

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Educational Achievement Award Level III:

This award is presented to the individual who has obtained a Masters degree.

Mark Goodman

Officer Candidate School:

This award is presented to the individual who has successfully completed the requirements of Officer Candidate School Level I.

Officer Candidate School Class 1-2006

Tim Baxter
Andre' Bergeron
Richard Bergeron
Kerwin Cauble
Roger Cline
Archie Coble
Bobby Eagle
John Eury
Marshall Goss
Martin Harwood

Jason Howell
Michael Lunceford
Edwin Shaver II
Chad Sherrill
Donald Ward
Jacob Williams
Gregory Wright

Officer Candidate School Class 2-2007

Shane Bolick
Danny Davis
Shane Davis
Jason Hudson
Thomas Knox
David Meyers
Chris Price
Adam Ryerson
Joshua H. Simpson
Jason Stewart

Officer Candidate School Class 3-2009

Jeremy Burriss
Warren Hatley
John Hilfirty
Bradley Hunt
Chris Hyatt
James Johnson
Timothy Jones
Melanie Jordan
Kevin Kirk

Special Operations Award:

The Special Operations ribbon will be issued to those personnel who have been assigned to a Special Operations team for at least one (1) continuous year. This award includes Haz-Mat, USAR, and ARFF.

Special Operations – Hazardous Materials

Darren O'Brien
Tim Jones
Dylan Daquila
Jamil Hudson
Gerald Harris
Mark Goss
Brown Barnhardt
Scott Payne
John Hilfirty
James Johnson
Bret Leonard
Rick Gilleland
Tim Baxter
Brian Hutchens
Jim Barbee
Mark Goodman
Terry James
Shane Davis
Jody Hall

Robert Boyd
Curtis Collins
Richard V. Bergeron II
Lester Cragan
Larry Lefler

Special Operations – USAR

R. D. Faggart
Warren Hatley
John Frame
Ray Elmore
Jeff Harper
Mike Carter
Richard Armstrong
John Wayne
Tim McDonald
Randy Dozier
Jason Cook
Todd Jones
Jason Hudson
Terry Page
Melanie Jordan
Richard Wallace
Don Petersen
Larry Lefler

Special Operations –ARFF

Rusty Starnes
Chad Sherrill
Eric Reynolds
Andy Johnson
Phillip Crook
Scott Hinson
Josh Simpson
Jeff Tracey
Tim Crainshaw
Alan Hicks
Kerry Ritchie
Randall Carrington
Gerald Harris
Edwin Shaver II
Richard V. Bergeron II
Jody Hall

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Training Staff Award:

This award is presented to any instructor that works with the Training Division.

Allen Smith	Mike Carter	Josh Hughes	Joe Coyle
Todd Jones	Cindy Abernathy	Bobby Eagle	Brian Hutchins
Ray Allen	Kim Smith	James Isenhour	Deana Martin
Tim Baxter	Martin Harwood	Ed Shaver	Duane Shinn
Curtis Teague	Jake Williams	Phil Bryant	Mark Goodman
Randy Holloway	Galen Shumaker	Keith Fitch	Jarrad Tracy
Lynn Eagle	Jim Preddy	Gerald Harris	Chris Price
Fidel Goodnight	Bruce Cress	Lester Cragan	Todd Eury
Mike Hill	Capt Josh Simpson	Darren O'Brien	Archie Coble
Jim Sells	Chad Sherrill	James Blackwelder	Dave Meyers
Donald Ward	Shane Bolick	David Clay	
Norman Franklin	Robert Boyd	Jeff Russell	
Mark Brown	Renee Lutz	Larry Mason	
Adam Ryerson	Jeremy Burris	Mark Melvin	
Lee Readling	Shawn Burris	Danny Scott	
John Hilfirty	Joshua N Simpson	Larry Phillips	
Roger Cline	Steven McLendon	Kevin Kirk	
Mark Goss	Jeff Luck	Bruce Hodges	
Warren Hatley	John Eury	Chris Hyatt	

Fire Chief Award:

This award is presented to the recruit who during his training period demonstrated academic excellence with the highest grade point average and superior practical skills.

Recruit Class 12: Josh Hughes

Recruit Class 15: Hunter Meadows

Training Award:

The training staff presents this award to the recruit who during his training period demonstrated superior leadership and practical skill performance.

Recruit Class 12: Justin Caldwell

Honor Guard:

This award is issued to those personnel who have been assigned to the Honor Guard for at least one continuous year.

Robbie Troutman

Ron Blackwell

Edwin Shaver II

Mike Smith

John Hilfirty

Robert Page

Jarrad Tracy

Rusty Starnes

Adam Ryerson

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Community Service:

This award is to recognize Department personnel who give of their time to the community through charitable organizations, community service, and volunteer fire organizations. The individual must have a minimum of five 5 years of service with the Department and produce documentation providing a cumulative total of at least 150 hours of donated time to local charities or community service from that time.

Mike Smith: over 1000 hours service with the Special Olympics

Jason Cook: Midland FD

Melanie Jordan: Locke FD

Jay Wallace: Locke FD

Phillip Burris: Odell FD

Chad Sherrill: Oxford Catfish FD

Duane Shinn: Cold Water and Ridge Crest FD's

Service Award:

This award is presented automatically to all departmental employees in five (5) year increments based upon consecutive years of service with the Concord Department of Fire & Life Safety. December 31 of each year will be used as the ending date for calculation of this award.

30 Years

PREDDY JR, JAMES R

CRESS, BRUCE A

25 Years

MORLEY, WILFRED J

EURY II, JOHN J

FAGGART JR, RALPH D

UNTZ, TIMOTHY C

20 Years

SELLS, JAMES E

SMITH, MICHAEL T

SHAVER II, EDWIN E

EAGLE, BOBBY K

CARRINGTON JR, RANDELL

MILLER, VINCENT R

ARMSTRONG, RICHARD E

GAYDON, JAMES C

REYNOLDS, RICHARD E

BERGERON, PATRICK W

CLINE, ROGER P

GASKEY, MICHAEL W

BLACKWELDER, STEVE D

ISENHOUR, JAMES H

FRANKLIN, NORMAN R

CRAINSHAW, TIMOTHY L

BARNHARDT, THOMAS BROWN

FITCH, KEITH ALAN

HARRIS II, GERALD LESLIE

LEE, RYAN PHIFER

CRAGAN III, LESTER HENRY

COBLE, ARCHIE RAY

SMITH, JEFFERY ALLEN

HINSON, SCOTT WILLIAM

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15Years

EURY, SAMUEL TODD
O'BRIEN, TIMOTHY DARREN
RITCHIE, KERRY MICHAEL
SMITH JR, HARVEY A
JONES, TODD ERIC
BRYANT, PHILLIP L
BAXTER, TIMOTHY S
HILL, MICHAEL C
WARD, DONALD B
GOODNIGHT, FIDEL C
EAGLE, FRANK LYNN
JAMES, TERRY L
ALLEN, JOHNNY RAY
HOLLOWAY, TERRY RANDALL
READLING, LEE B
MUNDALE, WILLIAM
BERGERON II, RICHARD V
GILLELAND, VANN RICHARD
SHINN, DUANE EUGENE
HOWELL, JASON BRENT
LITTLE, CLINT ALAN

10 Years

HILFIRTY JR, JOHN ALLEN
MARTIN, DEANA M
GOSS III, MARSHALL NATHANIEL
WRIGHT, GREGORY MASON
JONES, TIMOTHY ANDRAE
MESIMER, PHILLIP MARK
GOODMAN, MARK CHRISTOPHER
HATLEY, WARREN BERRY
JOHNSON, MICHAEL ANTHONY
CARTER, MICHAEL WAYNE
CAUBLE, KERWIN LEE
THOMAS, J SORRELL
JOHNSON, JAMES
BYERLY JR, BOBBY MATHIS
HARWOOD, MARTIN ROSS
REESE, DARYL RUSSELL
WAYNE, JOHN DAVID

10 Years cont.

CROOK, PHILLIP PAYNE
SHORT, RODNEY
ABERNATHY, CYNTHIA
WILLIAMS, JACOB
SHUMAKER, GALEN

5 Years

DAQUILA, DYLAN J
HUDSON, JASON L
AUGUSTYN, CHARLES BENJAMIN
LUNCEFORD, TOMMY MICHAEL
BERGERON, ANDRE' E.
STARNES, RUSTY EDWARD
FRAME, JOHN DAVID
ELWOOD, CODEY RAY
PRICE, CHRISTOPHER M.
HICKS, JAMES A.
HUTCHENS, BRIAN L.
McDONALD, TIMOTHY W.
PENDERGRASS, JR. JAMES E.
PAGE, II TERRY L.
STEWART, JASON F.
SHERRILL, CHAD E.
PAGE, ROBERT W.
SMITH, KIM C.
WHITE, NICHOLAS M.
HYATT, CHRISTOPHER M
DOZIER II, WILLIAM R
HARTSELL, CHRISTOPHER S
MORGAN, JIMMY K
BOLICK, KELLY S
KNOX IV, THOMAS B
BOYD, ROBERT B
HODGES, BRUCE W
JORDAN, MELANIE A
COOK, JASON LEE

5 Years cont.

LEFLER, LARRY W.
HUNT, BRADLEY
BURRIS, PHILLIP B
SIMPSON, JOSHUA H.
KELLY, JOSH A.
LUTZ, RENEE' A.
MEYERS, DAVID ROBERT
TEAGUE, CURTIS WAYNE
BURRIS, JEREMY VON
LEONARD, BRET A.
PAYNE, SCOTT B
ELMORE, EVANS R
BARBEE, JAMES F.
DYER, JASON C.
WALLACE II, RICHARD A.
COLLINS, CURTIS C.
TRACEY, JR. JEFFREY J.
BURRIS, SHAWN M.
WALLACE, CHARLIE JAY
POPPITI, FRANK S.

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Campaign Ribbon:

This award is presented to individuals who participate in deployments of significance during the year.

8-31-92 to 9-10-92, Miami, Dade County, Hurricane Andrew

Lester Cragan, Chris Clay, Lisa Fisher

These members answered a call for help to assist with fire department staffing and personal help for fellow firefighters following the disaster of a category 5 hurricane. Members staffed fire trucks and assisted in repairing the homes of brother and sister firefighters. They also helped organize the Firefighter Relief Center which provided supplies to firefighters.

10-12-99, Wayne County, NC, Hurricane Floyd

Jim Sells

Jim assisted with the set-up and operation of a temporary Emergency Management Operations Center in the hurricane ravaged area of the state.

9-5-05 to 10-3-05, Mississippi, Hurricane Katrina

John Frame, Larry Lefler, Adam Ryerson, John Hilferty, Mark Mesimer, Tim McDonald

These members volunteered to go to Mississippi and assist FEMA with recovery operations.

10-12-09, Kandahar, Afganistan

Dave Meyers

As a member of the NC Air National Guard, Dave is serving as a member of a special detachment of fire personnel assigned to provide fire, EMS, and rescue service to men and women US troops.

April 2009- October 4, 2009, Iraq

Jim Perusek

As a member of the NC Air National Guard, Jim acted as a Forward Air Controller, providing close air support to ground infantry.

Civic Achievement:

This award is presented to any department member who is recognized by a civic organization, such as the Jaycees, American Legion, or any others approved by the Committee.

Edwin Shaver II has been recognized with the following civic awards:

1991- Awarded with a City of Concord Resolution

1991- Concord Jaycees Distinguished Service Award

1992- Centralina Council of Governments EMS Award

Safe Driving:

This award is presented automatically to all departmental employees in 3 year increments based upon consecutive years of safe driving with the Concord Department of Fire & Life Safety. December 31 of each year will be used as the ending date for calculation of this award.

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PREDDY JR, JAMES R	MILLER, VINCENT R	BARNHARDT, THOMAS BROWN
CRESS, BRUCE A	ARMSTRONG, RICHARD E	HARRIS II, GERALD LESLIE
MORLEY, WILFRED J	GAYDON, JAMES C	LEE, RYAN PHIFER
EURY II, JOHN J	REYNOLDS, RICHARD E	CRAGAN III, LESTER HENRY
FAGGART JR, RALPH D	BERGERON, PATRICK W	COBLE, ARCHIE RAY
UNTZ, TIMOTHY C	CLINE, ROGER P	SMITH, JEFFERY ALLEN
SELLS, JAMES E	GASKEY, MICHAEL W	HINSON, SCOTT WILLIAM
SMITH, MICHAEL T	BLACKWELDER, STEVE D	EURY, SAMUEL TODD
EAGLE, BOBBY K	ISENHOUR, JAMES H	O'BRIEN, TIMOTHY DARREN
CARRINGTON JR, RANDELL	CRAINSHAW, TIMOTHY L	RITCHIE, KERRY MICHAEL
HILL, MICHAEL C	SHUMAKER, GALEN	BURRIS, JEREMY VON
WARD, DONALD B	DAQUILA, DYLAN J	LEONARD, BRET A.
EAGLE, FRANK LYNN	HUDSON, JASON L	PAYNE, SCOTT B
JAMES, TERRY L	AUGUSTYN, CHARLES BENJAMIN	ELMORE, EVANS R
ALLEN, JOHNNY RAY	LUNCEFORD, TOMMY MICHAEL	BARBEE, JAMES F.
HOLLOWAY, TERRY RANDALL	BERGERON, ANDRE' E.	DYER, JASON C.
READLING, LEE B	ELWOOD, CODEY RAY	WALLACE II, RICHARD A.
MUNDALE, WILLIAM	PRICE, CHRISTOPHER M.	COLLINS, CURTIS C.
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HOWELL, JASON BRENT	PAGE, II TERRY L.	POPPITI, FRANK S.
LITTLE, CLINT ALAN	SHERRILL, CHAD E.	KIRK, KEVIN L.
HILFIRTY JR, JOHN ALLEN	PAGE, ROBERT W.	HAGY, ROBERT L.
MARTIN, DEANA M	SMITH, KIM C.	BOYD, MATTHEW R.
GOSS III, MARSHALL NATHANIEL	WHITE, NICHOLAS M.	RYERSON, ADAM P.
JONES, TIMOTHY ANDRAE	HYATT, CHRISTOPHER M	BUTLER, JAMES B
MESIMER, PHILLIP MARK	DOZIER II, WILLIAM R	SEAGRAVES, BRENT A
GOODMAN, MARK CHRISTOPHER	HARTSELL, CHRISTOPHER S	HALL, JODY L.
HATLEY, WARREN BERRY	MORGAN, JIMMY K	SELLERS, JASON MATT
JOHNSON, MICHAEL ANTHONY	BOLICK, KELLY S	CAVIN, CHRISTOPHER L
CARTER, MICHAEL WAYNE	KNOX IV, THOMAS B	HAIRFIELD, MATTHEW J
CAUBLE, KERWIN LEE	BOYD, ROBERT B	HARPER, JEFFREY S
THOMAS, J SORRELL	JORDAN, MELANIE A	ROY, RICHARD W
JOHNSON, JAMES	COOK, JASON LEE	TRACY, JARRAD P
BYERLY JR, BOBBY MATHIS	LEFLER, LARRY W.	SMITH JR, HARVEY A
HARWOOD, MARTIN ROSS	BURRIS, PHILLIP B	JONES, TODD ERIC
REESE, DARYL RUSSELL	SIMPSON, JOSHUA H.	BRYANT, PHILLIP L
WAYNE, JOHN DAVID	KELLY, JOSH A.	BAXTER, TIMOTHY S
DAVIS, LANNY SHANE	LUTZ, RENEE' A.	
CROOK, PHILLIP PAYNE	MEYERS, DAVID ROBERT	
SHORT, RODNEY	TEAGUE, CURTIS WAYNE	
ABERNATHY, CYNTHIA		

Benefit Ice Hockey

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THE GAME WAS A BIG SUCCESS, THE GAME BROUGHT IN OVER 750 FANS AND YOUR BRAVEST SKATED AWAY WITH A HUGE WIN AGAINST CHARLOTTE. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN MUCH, MUCH BIGGER, BUT WE SHOWED UP WITH MORE HEART AND PREVAILED FOR OUR BROTHER WITH A **3-2** VICTORY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE RAISED A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY FOR CHANCE AND HIS FAMILY. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THE PLAYERS AND TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS NIGHT HAPPEN. IT WAS TRULY A GREAT TIME.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BRAVEST SKATE EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT SO YOU DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE TO COME OUT AND CHEER US ON.....



Cookbooks

Cookbooks are still available. Proceeds will go to benefit the Cabarrus County Chapter Firefighters Burned Children's Fund. The book is filled with over a 100 pages of easy to follow mouth-watering recipes. They range from appetizers and beverages to soups, salads, vegetables, main dishes and breads. Most importantly though is a long list of desserts! Cookbooks can be purchased for \$12 by cash or check.

If you have any questions see Amanda Butler.



Meet the Crew of Engine 1 - C Shift

James Preddy, Jr.

Nickname: Jim

Age: 50

Hometown: Concord

Married to Barbara

Children: Justin - 19

Benjamin - 16



What makes your company special?

We are the best station and the oldest station in Concord. We run a lot of calls at Station 1, but we all like that. We get to fight a lot of fires in this area. Station 1 C is the man with little to say but a lot of action.

I have been with the fire department for 31-1/2 years.



J. Thomas

Age: 56

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Married to Sandra Thomas

Children: Josh 25

Daniel 19

Devan 18

What makes your company special?

We get along well together as a crew.



Matthew Boyd

Nickname: Smoke Pole

Age: 30

Hometown: Concord

Married to Jodie

Children: One on the way.

Hobbies: Watching football, hang'n out with family and friends.

What makes your company special?

I work with two geriatrics, and one out of diapers. I'm not sure you can get anymore special than that!!!

Matt Hairfield

Nickname: Hairball

Age: 25

Hometown: Charleston, SC

Married to Ashley

Children: Grayson 2

Hobbies: Fishing and spending time with my family and friends.

What makes your company special?

We all get along great with each other and we get the job done without saying a word. This company is also special because of the WIDE range of age we have.



Annual Fire Department Catfish Tournament

The date for the annual Catfish Tournament is May 10, 2010 at Old Whitney boat landing. Start time is at 8:00 a.m., weigh-in at 4:00pm.

Any questions about rules call Chief Allen.

No Rules.

No Whining.

The bigger the fish tale the better.

Lotta cheatin' goin' on!

Started in the 90's by Larry Mason and Bob Sides, the tournament is held around the 1st week of May at Badin Lake, Old Whitney Landing.

Galen Shumaker & Steve Blackwelder currently organize the event, based on total weight caught, and in '08 added the "Big Fish" category.



According to Chief Holloway and Chief Allen
"you should have seen the one that got
away!"

2nd Annual Fire Safety Quiz Bowl

We are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Cabarrus County Fire Safety Quiz Bowl being held on March 25, 2010 at the Cabarrus County Boys and Girls Club. We are excited to announce that 10 local schools will be participating; an increase from 8 schools last year.

The quiz bowl, which involves fourth and fifth graders from across the county, tests their knowledge of fire safety and prevention as well as general safety topics.

If you can volunteer your time, we are in need of individuals who can help setup, serve, and cleanup. Contact Norman Franklin if interested. If you can't stay for the entire event, see the information below.

Volunteers to setup need to arrive at 4:30;

if you can help serve dinner, arrive at 5:00;

to cleanup after the event, arrive around 8:00, should be finished by 9:00.

Thank you!



Cool Pics & Hot Shots



...quite an incredible accident at 150 Concord Commons. You'll see the front and back doors and total "B" post was ripped from the car by the tow hook on the front of the Infinity SUV! Both patients miraculously refused treatment. (1 patient in each vehicle.)



Company Run Totals

Company	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Current Fiscal Year	Previous Fiscal Year
Engine 1	142	156	159	1074	804
Engine 2	137	123	141	931	1406
Engine 3	86	119	124	826	1070
Engine 4	46	57	60	402	575
Engine 5	71	69	91	543	848
Engine 6	50	47	49	350	596
Engine 7	66	83	74	486	765
Engine 8	53	63	67	462	730
Engine 9	60	68	71	473	372
Ladder 3	82	81	86	598	917
Ladder 9	63	64	50	420	591
Rescue 7	49	65	60	390	496
Batt. 1	32	34	38	255	352
Batt. 2	29	25	23	175	182
Haz-Mat 9	10	7	4	74	120
USAR 7	1	2	0	4	13

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Attn: Fire Personnel

**We look forward to
and need your input!**



Holloway's Headlines

Hello and I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well this cold and wet winter. I want to take just a moment to thank everyone that helped with our first medals and awards ceremony that was held on February 20, 2010. The ceremony was a great success and I'm so proud of the Team that planned the event and the numerous members of our Department that received recognition. The ceremony speaks highly of our Department and the many, many things we do on a daily basis to better serve the shareholders and customers of our great City. Thanks for everything you do to make this a better place to live, work and play.

Randy

Concord Fire's Inaugural Cornhole Tournament

CFD will be holding its First Annual Cornhole Tournament. The tournament's first recipient will be Chance Branson and Family. All proceeds will go directly to the Branson crew.

Winning team will receive custom made cornhole boards

If you have cornhole boards and bags that we can use on tournament day, note that in your e-mail - we will need them.

Submitted by Dylan
Daquila



ATTN: TEAMS

As you all know, we are pre selling tickets for Chance's BBQ to try to get an idea of the amount of food we will need. Team Members, if you would like to purchase a plate or two, and are like me can't remember to bring money to buy a ticket. EMAIL ME BACK AND WE WILL DO \$40 FOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND 2 MEALS. You can pay all at one time, day of tournament. LET ME KNOW SO I CAN PUT YOUR TICKET ASIDE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A

LITTLE MORE CONVENIENT FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS.

THANKS,

DQ



**Chicken BBQ Benefit
For Chance Branson
(Concord Firefighter)**



Date: March 12, 2010

**Place: Concord Fire Station 9
(1020 Ivey Cline Road)**

Time: 11:00 am -???

Donation: \$7 per plate, 1/2 chicken with all the fixins. All proceeds will benefit Chance and his family.

To pre-order your plate stop by Station 3 (100 Warren C Coleman Blvd) and see Kim or Station 9 (1020 Ivey Cline Rd) and see Mark Goss

A Cornhole Tournament will also be held. \$30 per Team. Anyone is welcome to sign up.

Deliveries are available for orders of 10 or more.

