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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Coles District Station 6



Community Safety Section Monthly Update

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FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

NEW CONSTRUCTION & FIRE PROTECTION

81 fire protection plan reviews for sprinkler, fire alarm, underground fire lines, and kitchen hoods.

347 fire protection system inspections, 25 building occupancy inspections, and 32 Operational Permits (HUPs).

PERMITS, PLANS & SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Fire Lane Inspections: 6

Knox Box Inspections: 2

FMO Follow up: 20

Fire Prevention Inspections: 474

November FMO Team member of the Month Lieutenant John Hornaday

During November 2019, Lt. John Hornaday took the initiative to conduct numerous spot checks of restaurants focusing on the kitchen exhaust hood and suppression systems. Based on previous fire incidents with kitchen cooking equipment in restaurants, the PWC Fire Marshal's Office identified that the critical fire and life safety systems were being serviced and inspected by some unlicensed contractors. Lt. Hornaday specifically concentrated on the hood systems to identify unlicensed contractors that were failing to fulfill their contractual services at a large expense to county businesses, especially small businesses.

During his inspections, Lt. Hornaday recognized that unlicensed contractors were working in the county and failing to provide their contracted service while still being paid for its completion. Lt. John Hornaday conducted a spot check campaign to identify businesses

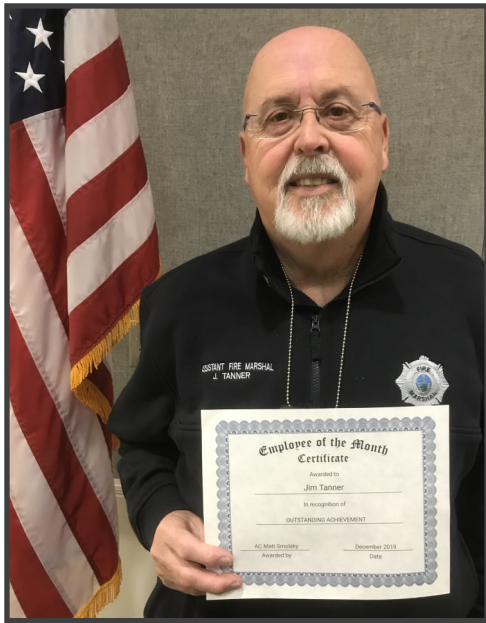


Lieutenant John Hornaday

that fell victim to these unlicensed companies and to see that they received the service that they paid for. These unlicensed companies were contacted and made aware of the code and need for proper licensing and the duty to fulfill their contracts properly. As a result of Lt. Hornaday's efforts, 12 unlicensed companies were identified working inside PWC, some fraudulently representing the work they were contracted to conduct. Fifteen of the eighteen PWC businesses checked were affected by these unlicensed companies.

Lt. Hornaday identified an issue and took actions to pinpoint and rectify the problem. This resulted in thousands of dollars in savings to local businesses. John has continued to pursue these companies to ensure that they comply with the codes and the laws. The Prince William County Fire Marshals, as part of our Education and Enforcement mission, look to educate business owners and contractors to ensure that all parties understand the requirements are protected from unlicensed contractors. This campaign will continue and is one of the reasons it makes PWC the safest place to live, work, and play.

For Lt. Hornaday's initiative and effort, he deserved the November 2019 FMO Award. In addition to the recognition from the PWC Fire Code Official, Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky, he was also awarded the sought after "Jimmy Chip".



Jim Tanner

December FMO Team member of the Month

Due to medical leave for one inspector, increased leave requests during the holidays, and an increase in inspection requests to get projects completed before the end of the year, the Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) was challenged to meet the increased needs for daily inspections. Jim Tanner is a part-time inspector that averages 40 hours in a two week period. He volunteered to work extra days to perform the needed inspections and manage the increased workload.

Part-time inspectors usually average approximately 35-45 new construction inspections per month due to the scope and complexity of the inspections. Inspector Tanner worked the extra days and performed a total of 103 inspections during the month of December. With the extra days, Jim was able to significantly increase the inspection completion rate without compromising the expected level of integrity of those inspections. This additional effort allowed the FMO to maintain its high level of customer service and availability to keep development projects moving forward. For that willingness and effort, Inspector Tanner is deserving of the FMO award for

December. Besides the certificate and recognition from the PWC Fire Code Official, Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky, Jim also was awarded the coveted "Jimmy Chip".



Assistant Chief Matt Smolsky congratulates Chief Jarman

December DFR Team Member of the Month

On the morning of December 12th, as employees and citizens were entering the government complex center, a Fire and Rescue employee observed a man in an angry tirade pacing back and forth in front of the county offices. As the employee entered the Development Services Building, she approached Battalion Chief Tom Jarman informing him of the situation. As they walked outside the building, BC Jarman observed the man's erratic behavior and immediately began his approach while radioing for assistance. The man proceeded to Prince William Parkway where he attempted to accost a police officer in a passing cruiser. Within minutes, Chief Jarman and the Police Officer had subdued and arrested the man.



County Executive Chris Martino was among those congratulating Chief Jarman

Thanks to Chief Jarman, an intense situation was minimized; thereby, setting an example for us all, "If you see something, say something!"

For his initiative and prompt response, he is awarded the Department's Team Member of the Month for December 2019. In addition, he was presented with the popular "Jimmy Chip".



Chief Jarman receives congratulatory wishes from Deputy County Executive Elijah Johnson



Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office Reminds Everyone Check for Product Recalls

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, a fire occurred at a single-family home in Bristow. The Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office investigated the fire. Lieutenant Paul Smiljanich (CFI) and Lieutenant Joey Bloedel had determined that the fire originated within the dishwasher. During their investigation it was discovered that there was an open recall on this dishwasher due to a fire hazard. They spoke with two neighbors; one who had replaced it due to the recall and the other who was unaware of it until they checked the model and serial number. Their unit was also part of the recall. There are many manufacturer's recalls

listed on the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). <https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls?combine=dishwasher>

You can visit this website and check to see if your dishwasher and hundreds of other products are part of the many recalls. If your dishwasher is listed, please follow their instructions on how to safely proceed with the recalled product and contact the appropriate manufacturer or service provider.

The Fire Marshal's Office encourages you to be aware of the products in your home and workplace and take an active role in being fire safe.



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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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What's New in Emergency Management

- ◆ EM staff kicked off the new year with a strategic planning meeting to review accomplishments over the previous year, review current projects, and set goals for this year and beyond.
- ◆ EM leadership is in the process of filling the vacant Planner position and hopes to have a candidate selected in the next few weeks.
- ◆ The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is being upgraded with new technology; instead of paper resources, tablets will be provided for note taking and class materials. Electronic flipcharts will also be available for use during meetings, classes, and activations. Along with EOC upgrades, the EM Team Room (future Policy Room) is getting a face lift; it is being converted from office cubicles into a break-out room for EOC activations and meetings. The room will have printer and plotter capabilities and will be able to screen-share with the EOC.
- ◆ Sustainable water during a power outage is important for critical infrastructure such as hospitals; EM has been working on a project to obtain fillable water tanks to supplement water for critical infrastructure in case of a prolonged power outage. The equipment is currently in county facilities and ready to be deployed if needed.
- ◆ The county bids farewell to Mary Foley, Director of Volunteer Prince William, as she is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to Prince William County and the National Capital Region. Regional representatives said goodbye and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mary during her last meeting at the Council of Governments in Washington, D.C. Although Mary is retiring, we will still see her in the community, and her legacy will continue through the partnership between Volunteer Prince William and the Office of Emergency Management.
- ◆ Despite the unusually warm weather pattern this winter, the Office of Emergency Management (EM) encourages you to stay ahead of the crowds in stores by preparing for snow before it is forecasted. Don't stand in line, prepare ahead of time! Make sure you have extra gas for your generator, insulate your pipes with newspaper or plastic to keep them from freezing, turn your faucets on to drip to prevent your pipes from freezing, and much more! Visit www.pwcgov.org/ready to see what other steps you can take to be prepared before winter weather is forecasted.



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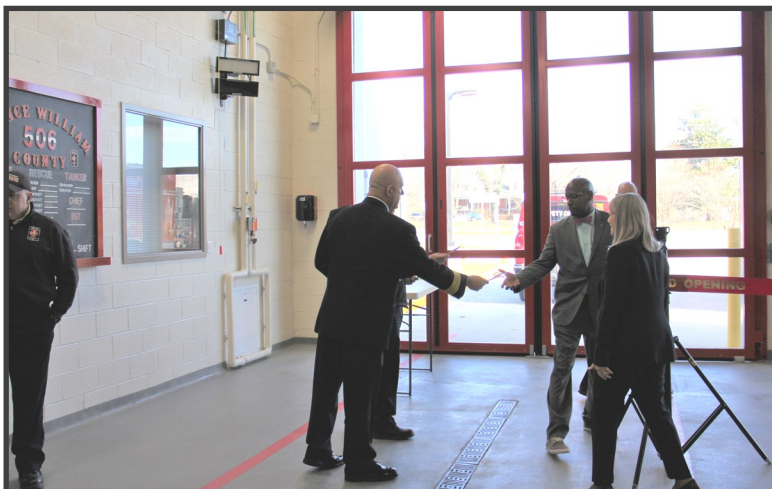
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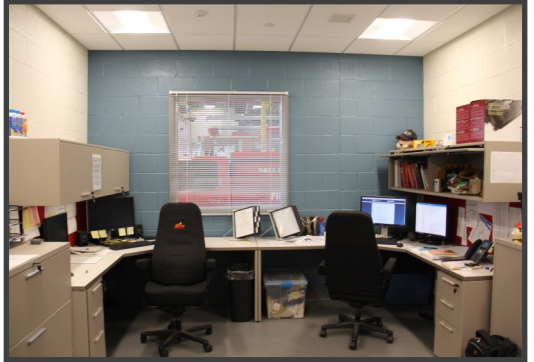
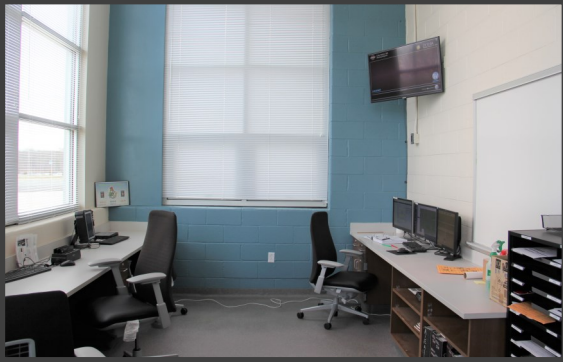
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On Wednesday, January 29th, the Prince William County Fire & Rescue System held its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly erected Station 6 (Coles District). The Master of Ceremonies, Assistant Chief Lance McClintock, kicked off the event followed with brief comments by FRS Chief Tim Keen. Among the attendees were fire and rescue senior officers and personnel and Board of County Supervisors to include Chair Ann Wheeler and Coles District Supervisor Yesli Vega, both spoke during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, light refreshments and station tours were provided.

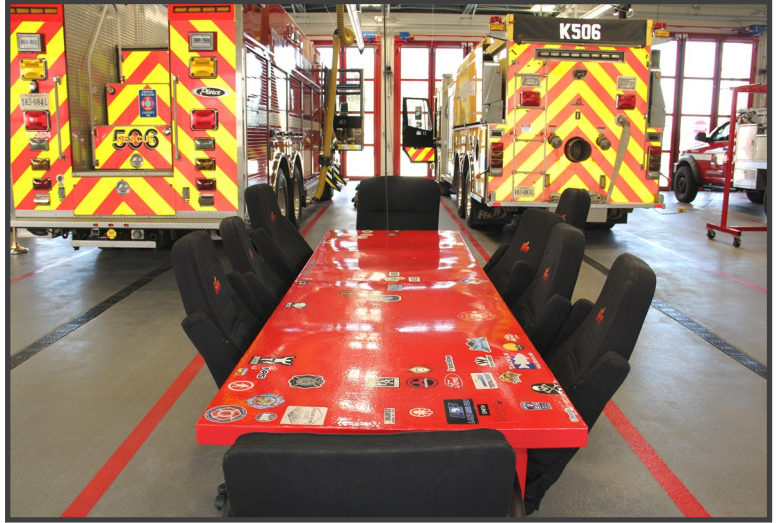
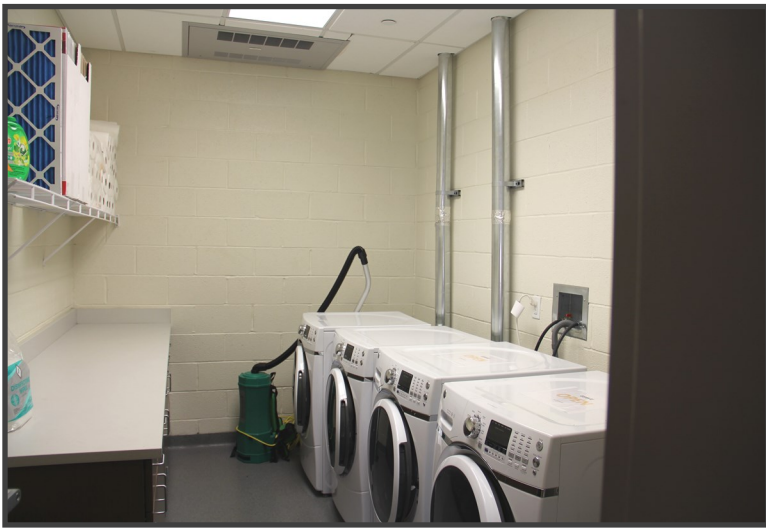












Pictured with crews from Station 506B & 518B are Board of County Supervisors Vic Angry (Neabsco District), Jeanine Lawson (Brentsville District), Yesli Vega (Coles District), and Kenny Boddye (Occoquan District).



Andrew Negvesky Blood Drive

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1 County Complex Court, Lake Ridge VA
*Inova Blood Donor Services will be located in the Powells Creek
Conference Room A & B.*

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Visit <http://bit.ly/ANDREWNEGVESKY20200212> or call us at
1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use
Sponsor Code 8506 or contact Adam Negvesky at
(703) 398-3200 or ANegvesky2@pwcgov.org



Donate and receive
a Valentine's Day
themed T-Shirt*!



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Photo ID required. Please allow one hour for your whole blood donation or double red cell donation.

For more information about blood donation and preparation, please visit inovablood.org or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372).

*While supplies last. Donors must complete screening process during the event to receive the giveaway.

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