

Baltimore County Fire Department 2011 Year In Review



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Messages to Fire Personnel

Once again, I thank all of our Fire and EMS providers, as well as the Fire Department's civilian support staff, for their hard work, expertise and dedication. Our citizens know they can count on you in a crisis; as County Executive, I cannot ask anything more of our public service personnel.

Again, thank you for doing your part to make Baltimore County as safe as it is beautiful.

Kevin Kameneck



I believe that I speak for all of you when I say that we will always look back on 2011 with a certain pain in our hearts. On January 19, we lost a wonderful colleague – a dedicated firefighter – and a dear friend, Mark Falkenhan. Just as we will never forget the heroes of the Shillers Furniture Fire in 1984, so we will never forget Mark's heroism at 30 Dowling Circle.

As we review the events of 2011, however, we should not focus merely on this tragedy. We should congratulate ourselves for serving our citizens well in all kinds of crises and for maintaining the highest quality of service in challenging economic times.

Thanks to each and every one of you.

John J. Hester

Departmental Overview



Baltimore County Demographics

- Population: 805,029
- Median household income: \$63,348
- 598.6 square miles of land area (unknown water area; shoreline, 175 miles), with 31 identifiable, unincorporated communities.
- Baltimore County is the third-largest jurisdiction (in land area and population) in Maryland.
- Geography: Suburban county of Baltimore City with an urban/rural mix in land use.

Fire Department Facts

- FY 2011 operating budget: \$91.3 million
- 1,051 sworn employees; 40 civilians
- Firefighter's work week: 42 hours. Typical shift: Two days, two nights, four days off.
- Engine and ladder company staffing: Four including officers
- Facilities:
 - 25 career fire stations
 - Fire Department headquarters, 700 E. Joppa Rd., Towson
 - Fire-Rescue Academy, 1545 Sparrows Point Blvd., Sparrows Point
 - Building Services and Logistics, Glen Arm
- 35 independent volunteer fire companies, including an estimated 3,000 responders, fund raisers and other members of the volunteer service, provide daily EMS and suppression support to the Fire Department



Apparatus, Equipment and Special Units

Apparatus	Career	Volunteer
Engines	28	60
Ladder Trucks, (excluding Towers)	6	4
Tower Ladders	1	2
Advanced Life Support Medic Units	31	20
Basic Life Support Medic Units	0	2
Heavy Rescue Units	0	9
Floodlight Units	0	3
Hazardous Materials Units	1	0
Satellite Haz-Mat Units	2	0
Swift Water Rescue	1	2
Dive Team	0	1
Marine Rescue Boats	1	7
Mobile Command Post	1	0
Urban Search and Rescue	1	0
Decontamination	1	0
Large-capacity Tankers	0	3
Engines/Large-capacity Tankers	0	2
Brush Units	24	23
Utility Units	1	Various
Air Units	2	1
Foam Unit	1	0
Cardox Unit	1	0
Rehabilitation Units	0	3
Bus	0	1



Organization and Personnel

- 1 Chief of the Department
 - John J. Hohman, serving his eleventh year as Chief
- 2 Assistant Chiefs
 - Mark F. Hubbard (Operations, D shift/Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
 - Mark E. Weir Sr. (Operations, A, B, C shifts)
- 5 Division Chiefs
 - Michael W. Robinson, A-Shift
 - Stephen Miller, C-Shift
 - Jonathan Kuruc, D-Shift
 - Mark Ewers, Emergency Management/Support Services
 - Jonathan Hart B-Shift
- 8 Battalion Chiefs
 - A-Shift: James Devers, Div. 2; Martin Munroe, Div. 3
 - D-Shift: Paul Leverton, Div. 2; Charles Watkins, Div. 3
 - C-Shift Joseph Brown, Div. 2; Paul Lurz, Div. 3
 - D-Shift: Bruce Kesting, Div. 2; Kyrle Preis, Div. 3
- 9 Fire Directors
 - Glenn Blackwell, Fire-Rescue Academy
 - Charles Rogers, Fire-Rescue Academy
 - Zachary Stith, Fire Marshal's Office
 - Richard Petry, Communications
 - Peter Hill, Staffing
 - Dennis Brothers, Supply and Logistics
 - Lynn Mullahey, Applicant Unit, Public Education and Fire Investigation Division
 - Stephen Lancaster, Safety
- Other sworn positions, include:
 - 99 Fire Captains
 - 4 EMS Captains
 - 123 Fire Lieutenants
 - 29 EMS Lieutenants
 - 166 Fire Apparatus Driver Operators (FADO)



**Asst. Chief Mark Hubbard,
Executive Officer Jennifer Werry Stewart,
Chief John Hohman**

- 153 Fire Specialists
- 42 Firefighter/EMTs
- 60 Paramedics
- 101 Paramedic/FFs
- 105 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Probationary EMTs
- 142 EMT/FF
- 40 Civilians
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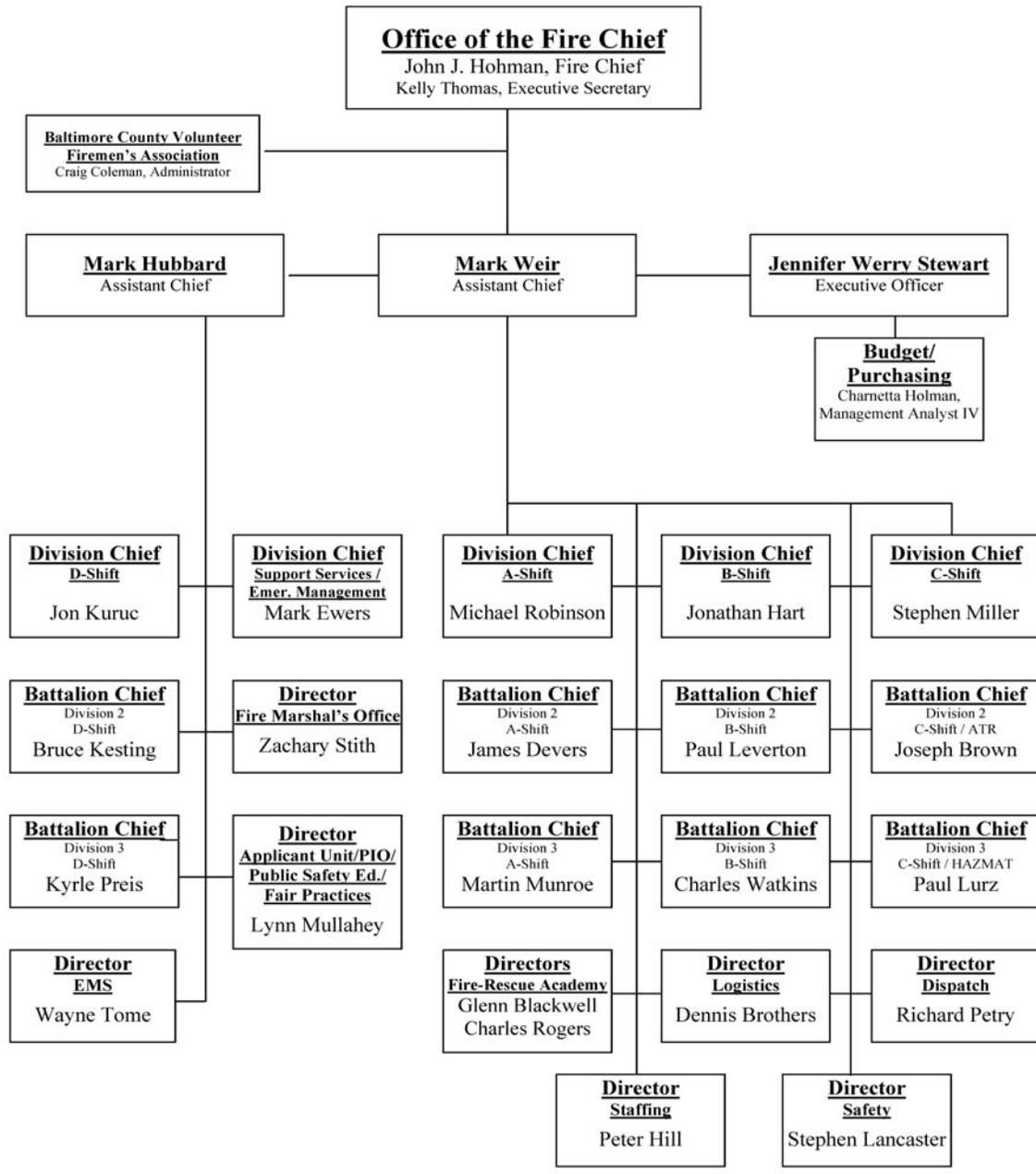
Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association (BCVFA)

- 35 companies
- Approximately 3,700 members with 2,000 active Emergency Responders
- Received \$6.8 million in county aid for fiscal year 2012. This included grants to specific fire companies and subsidies for fuel, utility and insurance expenses.
- Financial support from Baltimore County also includes \$1.7 million worth of incentives for 20 volunteer companies that provide medical service during hours of peak demand.
- BCVFA President: Jack Mazza (Rosedale), January-September
- Chuck Bollinger (Hereford Fire), September-December



Chief Hohman, County Executive Kamenetz and BCVFA President Jack Mazza, celebrating the County’s contribution to the volunteer fire service.

Organizational Chart



April, 2011

Station Roster

On December 31, 2011, the Fire Department station rosters were as follows:

Division 1 Station 1 – Towson

A Shift

Capt. Robert Seigle
Lt. Joseph Ryan
FADO Donald M. Friedel
FADO Jennifer Lemmon
FADO Timothy Mooney
FS Robert Biggs Jr.
FS Bruce Schwarz
PMFF Nathaniel Wells
EMTFF Christopher Davis Sr.
EMTFF Joseph Wiggins
EMTFF John Williamson
EMT Selena May
PEMT Nicholas Sayler

D Shift

Capt. Robert Grimes
Lt. Michael Miller
FADO Richard Snyder
FADO Robert Tracey
FADO Drew Tuttle
FS Brandon Lookingland
FS William Steward
FFEMT Charles Badders
PM Brian Hollenbach
EMTFF Julius DeManss II
EMTFF Shawn Magaro
PEMT Erin Hazel

B Shift

Capt. William E. Carter
Lt. Timothy Bankard
FADO Donald R. Nash
FADO Jerome Gilmore Jr.
FADO Thomas Ruhl
FS Michael Roberts
FFEMT Karen Zeiler
PM Matthew Hipley
EMTFF Moe Aung
EMTFF Eric Wentworth
EMTFF Paul Willhite III
PEMT Joshua Young

E Shift

Lt. John Wallis

FS Irvin Lewis

PMFF Seantaye Stewart
EMTFF Lorryn Clayton
EMTFF Sean Fields

C Shift

Capt. Jhett Lewis
Lt. Michael Curtis
FADO Anthony Espinosa
FADO Michael Huber
FADO Charles Ray III
FS James Handy
FS Kurt Chenowith
PMFF Jose Rodriguez Sr.
EMTFF Cherish Cross
EMTFF Robert Decker
PEMT Amahl Foster
PEMT Charles Watson

Station 8 – Fullerton

A Shift

Capt. James Berkeridge
Lt. Timothy Wilson
FADO Ernest Feist III
FADO Michael O'Rourke
FADO Steven Redmer
FS Carl Rausch
FS Leroy Edmunds III

PMFF Craig Hutton
PM Matthew Beeker
EMTFF Ronald Cassett Jr.
EMTFF Jean Glass
EMTFF William Zoltowski
EMT Jason Barnstein
LT-E Robert Holmes

B Shift

Capt. Roland Dembeck
Lt. David Dryden
FADO Michael Amole
FADO Carroll Browne
FADO Rodney Womack
FS William Lutostanski Jr.
FS Albert Miller Jr.

PMFF Stacey Gail
PMFF Kimberly Bobo
EMTFF Jessica Greaver
EMTFF Shannon Stallings
PEMT Michelle Grubb

LT-E John Amrhein

C Shift

Capt. Thomas Ramey
Lt. Brian Rayner
FADO Matthew Lancaster
FADO Michael Scott
FADO Charles Riddle
FS Richard Brooks IV
FS Angela Hughes
FFEMT Daniel Kile
PMFF Kevin Palmer
PM Atiya Wilson
EMTFF David Oliphant
PEMT John Cannon Jr.

LT-E Tasha Kearney

D Shift

Capt. David Harrell Jr.
 Lt. Lonnie Ledford
 FADO Jeffrey Chilcoat Sr.
 FADO John Heinz
 FADO Stephen Thompson
 FS Stephen Stelmack
 FS Burton Smith
 PMFF Michael Hoffman
 EMTFF Lindsay-Ann Opitz
 EMTFF Daniel Preis
 EMT Jennifer Johnson
 LT-E Thomas Becker

Station 10 – Parkville**A Shift**

Capt. Steven Biddison
 Lt. Kevin Duell
 FADO John Moeller
 FS James Partridge
 FFEMT Craig Clinton
 PM David Harryman Jr.
 EMTFF Nakoya Kabia
 PEMT Kevin Nixon

B Shift

Capt. George Knopp
 Lt. Dawn Miller
 FADO Wayne Hackley
 FS Lawrence Merrifield Jr.

 PM Tanika White
 EMTFF Andrew Laird
 EMT Candy Reinhardt
 PEMT Brittani Lee

C Shift

Capt. Timothy Berkeridge
 Lt. Robert Hughes
 FADO Steven Barry
 FS Timothy DeCoursey
 FFEMT Patrick Zoltowski
 PMFF Houston Reymonds
 PEMT Christine Stroh
 PEMT Ebony Hilton

D Shift

Capt. Shelton Parker

 Lt. Julia Mastin
 FADO Gregory Stolins
 FS Michael Rupp
 PM Bethany Jones
 EMT Tonya Bare
 PEMT Emily Ivy
 PEMT Christopher Niner

E Shift

EMT Yuana Forte
 Rachael Heyer

Station 11 -- Hillendale**A Shift**

Capt. Calvin Bell
 Lt. Alfonso Hernandez
 FADO Walter Brewer III
 FS Jose Rodriguez Jr.
 PM Gregory Gatto
 PM Kelly Metz
 EMTFF John Manlove
 EMT Rachelle Alexander
 Capt.-E Steven Adelsberger

B Shift

Capt. David Miller
 Lt. Scott Knatz
 FADO Michael Fox
 FS Peter Latreille
 PM Robert Freund

 EMTFF Pernell Hammond
 EMTFF Robert Klein
 Capt-E Charles Vaughan

C Shift

Capt. Jason Hahn
 Lt. Lawrence Myers
 FADO David Crumbie
 FS John Dukes Jr.
 PMFF Jeanette Barshinger

 PEMT Nathaniel Lewis
 PEMT Brandon Sussan
 Capt.-E Christian Griffin

D Shift

Capt. Robert Turner Jr.
 Lt. Kevin Gibney
 FADO David Potts
 FS Kurt Holloway
 FFEMT Garth Dales
 PM James Perra
 Capt-E David Chinery

Station 14 – Brooklandville

A Shift

Capt. Scott Russell
Lt. Robert Kemp
FADO William Knight
FADO Robert Serio
FS Richard Holden
PMFF Danielle Knatz
EMTFF Dennis Long

EMT Gina Tuttle

D Shift

Capt. Lawrence Majchrzak
Lt. Phillip Hebert
FADO Kevin Ford
FADO Stephan Steinberg
FS Travis Francis
PMFF Linda Sears
EMTFF Blake Curry
EMT Gary Lay

B Shift

Capt. Kenneth Hughes
Lt. Mark Eagle
FADO Kevin Banister
FADO Randy Umbrell
FS Benjamin Bosley
PMFF Timothy Bare
EMTFF John Krause II

EMTFF Andrew Bittner

C Shift

Capt. Francis Harker Jr.
Lt. David Snyder
FADO Morgan Lambert
FADO Kenneth McLaughlin Jr.
FS Gary Bull
PM Melissa Spittel
PEMT Julie Kelley

PEMT Jose Munoz

Station 17 -- Texas

A Shift

Capt Brian Zimmerman
Lt. Paul Cusic
Lt. Mark Gardner
FADO Steven Yealhall
FADO Nicki Coroneos
FS Christopher Hale
FS Charles Ritzmann Jr.
FFEMT David Spitz

PM Tahra Barber
PMFF Rebecca Twigg
EMTFF Kevin Snyder
EMTFF Brandon Watkins
PEMT Nicholas Gamble
PEMT Tyree Brown Jr.
BC Bruce Kesting
LT-E Kimberly Glaze

D Shift

Capt. Charles Tudor III
Lt. Gary Wheeler
Lt. Andrew Essel Jr.
FADO Gary Rickrode
FADO Christopher Wilhelm
FS Joseph Holland
PM Christopher Strippel
PMFF Richard Lyons
EMTFF Shawn Drees
EMTFF David Hundertmark
EMTFF Andrew Stroup
PEMT John Dentler
PEMT Jerry Miller
BC Stephen Miller
LT-E Michael Hays

B Shift

Capt. Robert Murray Sr.
Lt. Ronald Huber Jr.
Lt. Dale Richardson
FADO Jan Shenberger
FADO David Buckingham
FS Donald Pruitt
FS Bruce Snyder

PMFF Joanne Boyd
PMFF Daniel Finke
EMTFF Jason Porrovcchio
EMTFF Christopher Santoro
PEMT David Blenman
PEMT Stephen Pearce
BC Charles Watkins
LT-E Charles Leonard

E Shift

PMFF David Gouak Jr.
PEMT Jada Sewell

C Shift

Capt. Barry Ledford
Lt. Michael Berna
Lt. Kevin Nace
FADO Robert Brenneman Jr.
FADO Dean Holloway
FS Ethan Johnson
FS George Drees
FFEMT Andrew Hoffman
FFEMT Micha Szczesniakowski
PM Sarah Rose

EMTFF Sylvia Murray
PEMT Amanda Prosser

BC Paul Lurz
LT-E Amy Durian

Station 55 – Perry Hall

A Shift

Capt. Terry Berkeridge
Lt. Meril Lee
FADO Christopher Lang
FS Timothy Batt
PMFF Mary Endryas

EMTFF Alexander Scott
PEMT John Cooke
PEMT Jesse Spruell

D Shift

Capt. Paul Schlossnagle
Lt. Brian Stark
FADO Michael Mather
FS Scott Wagner
PMFF Kimberly Roland
PEMT Michael Griffiths
PEMT John McMahon

B Shift

Capt. Frederick Trentzsch
Lt. Bryan Hardesty
FADO Dale Winter
FS Albert Brown
PM Ryan Patterson

EMTFF Jason Freund
EMTFF Johnathan Meehan

C Shift

Capt. John Ryan
Lt. Gregory Amoriello
FADO Hobart Howell Jr.
FS Cheryl Noetzel
PMFF James Cassidy Jr.
PMFF Samuel Sauers
EMTFF Lacey Norman
PEMT Melissa Shrader

Station 60 – Parkton

A Shift

Capt. Gilbert Fowble
Lt. George Welkie Jr.
FADO Nelson Weigandt
FS Wayne Shaw

PMFF Jennifer Nilsen

EMT Charles Blum

D Shift

Capt. Michael Chamberlain
Lt. Todd Langeheine
FADO Richard Gribble
FS Jeffery Asper
PMFF Kimberly Nace
PMFF Jeanne Scheide
EMTFF Margaret Smink

B Shift

Capt. George Darr
Lt. Kenneth Wirtz Jr.
FADO Daniel Bollinger
FS Donald Adams Jr.
FFEMT Michael Barshinger
PMFF Jeffrey Rice
PMFF Bridget Poole

C Shift

Capt. Francis O'Connor Jr.
Lt. Larry Ledford
FADO William Haymaker
FS David Badders

PMFF Glennell Leonard
PMFF Stanley Hunkovic Jr.
EMT Robert Shiflett

Division 2

Station 2 – Pikesville

A Shift

Capt. William E. Gardner Jr.
Lt. John Schultz
FADO Curtis Brothers
FS Stephen Wantz
PMFF John Simone
PM Teresa Sindler
EMT Jennifer Bitzel-McDevitt
EMTFF Ronald Blizzard Jr.

B Shift

Capt. Gregg Kearney
Lt. Louis Roody
FADO Jay Miller
FS Ronald Mintz
PMFF Edward Davis

EMTFF Scott Wittbecker
PEMT Charnell Holloway

C Shift

Capt Joseph Munchel
Lt. Michelle Stevens
FADO Donald Love
FS James Colliflower
PM Laura Witt

EMTFF Ezra Burks
PEMT Kevin Bollinger

D Shift

Capt. I Todd Gibney
 Lt. Richard Baublitz
 FADO Robert Fogle III
 FS Joseph Spangler Jr.
 PM Alexander Paris
 EM TFF Justin Hadel
 EMT Angel Torain

Station 3 – Woodlawn**A Shift**

Capt. Mark Goodwin
 Lt. Duane Ludwig
 FADO Charles Nickoles Jr.
 FS Stacey Curtis
 FFEMT Richard Green Jr.
 PMFF Mark Punt
 EM TFF Kimberley A. Routson

 LT-E Michael Robinette

B Shift

Capt. Tyrone Cooke
 Lt. Jeffrey Kreimer
 FADO Wayne Redding
 FS Edmund Schwartz Jr.

 PMFF Bianca Thompson
 EM TFF Jason Yates
 PEMT Wesley Watson
 LT-E John Swann III

C Shift

Capt William Reinecke III
 Lt. Randy Parrish
 FADO Charles Davidson
 FS Joshua Levin

 PMFF Melissa Simpkins
 EM TFF Katie Meyers
 PEMT Leslie Abendschoen
 LT-E Barbara Knight

D Shift

Capt. Ronald Evans Jr.
 Lt. Lindsay Torbeck
 FADO Paul Faulkner
 FS Daniel Routson
 FFEMT William Wiley III
 PM Chaunce King
 PEMT Andrea Dalton
 LT-E Raymond Gill

Station 4 – Catonsville**A Shift**

Capt. Kevin Stielper
 Lt. Robert Jones
 FADO Dianne Griffith
 FADO Brian Ludwig
 FS John Crooks
 FS Glen Peacock
 FFEMT Darnell Harrison
 FFEMT Ronald Imbragulio
 PM Nicola Maguire
 EM TFF Travis Swonger
 PEMT Jennifer Hilliard

B Shift

Capt. James Massey
 Lt. Russell Pryor III
 FADO Edward Arnold
 FADO Stephen Sindler
 FS Eric Needle
 FS Michael Eagle
 FFEMT Gregory Cook

 PMFF Michael Lawrence
 EM TFF Amy Harris
 EM TFF Schannel Carr

C Shift

Capt. Daniel Brinkley
 Lt. Eddie Dezurn Jr.
 FADO Louis Dixon Jr.
 FADO John Kohl Sr.
 FS Aaron Tapp
 FS Twana Allen
 FFEMT Anthony Demory
 FFEMT Lamont Garris
 PM Angie Sullivan
 EM TFF Kelly Hardy
 EM TFF William White III

D Shift

Capt Timothy Lowman
 Lt. Louis Wingo Jr.
 FADO David Hohenberger
 FADO David Mitchell
 FS Johnny Thompson Jr.
 FFEMT George Brooks
 PM Shannon Allen
 EM TFF Adam Wright
 EMT Tasha Williams

Station 5 – Halethorpe

A Shift

Capt. Gregory Bean
Lt. John Bennett
Lt. Ronald Poole Jr.
FADO Christopher Andrews
FADO Daniel Coolahan
FADO Steven Mooney
FS Katherine Coleman
FS John E Schreiber Jr.
PM Victoria Coyle
EMTFF Jermaine McCullough
EMTFF Nicholas Tyson
PEMT Daniel Phillips
LT-E Mary Anuszewski

D Shift

Capt Paul Huppmann
Lt. Joseph Heller Sr.
FADO Kenneth Blades
FADO James Zinkand Jr.
FADO Christopher Herman
FS Steven Small
FS Paul Trovinger
PMFF Tina Kruger
EMTFF Brian Ellis
EMTFF Angela Taury
EMTFF Scott Wayne
PEMT Jason Correa
LT-E John Cromwell Jr.

B Shift

Capt. Edward Sipes
Lt. Todd Marino
Lt. Hubert Harrison Jr.
FADO Jeffrey Hale
FADO Thomas Schwartz Jr.
FADO Barry Thayer

PM Susan Arnette
EMTFF Jeremiah Cole
EMTFF Patrick Crouse II
EMT Cynthia Bury
LT-E Andrew Magness

C Shift

Capt. Bryan Farley
Lt. William Brehm
Lt. William Fisher Jr.
ADO Mark Topper
FADO Wayne Simmons Jr.
FADO Jeffrey Utzinger
FS Oscar Connally
FS Joseph Woynovitz Jr.
PMFF Michael Quinlan
EMTFF Carolyn Cromartie
EMTFF Quan Griffin
EMTFF Edward O'Connor Jr.
LT-E Michael Fold

Station 13 – Westview

A Shift

Capt Dean Smith
Lt. Kelvin Seigle
FADO Paul Fenush
FADO Gregory Murawski
FADO Matthew Pace
FS Gregory Cleveland
FS Charles Evans
FFEMT Joseph Saunders
PM Charles Robinson III
PMFF Robert Patrylak
EMTFF Todd Youngblood

PEMT Jessica Hayes
DC Jonathan Kuruc

B Shift

Capt William Allenbaugh Jr.
Lt. James Hammond
ADO Troy Hipsley
FADO Keith Klunk
FADO Ira Lapps
FS Jeffrey Lowe
FS Brandon Warren

PMFF Krystal Fabian
PMFF Jason Russell
EMTFF Kevin Cook
PEMT Nicholas Hornberger
PEMT Robert Street III
BC Martin Munroe

C Shift

Capt Thomas Rouillard
Lt. James Radomsky
FADO Joseph Carter Jr.
FADO Jason Cromer
FADO Douglas Holloway Sr.
FS Jason Baldwin
FS Stephen Hobbs III

PM Shakia Tolson

EMTFF David Hull
EMTFF Duburne Reid
EMT Mark Stavely
BC Stephen Lancaster

D Shift

Capt. Timothy Hamlett
 Lt. Thomas Flater III
 Lt. Jerry Weckesser
 FADO Robert Sterner
 FADO Paul Rosensteel
 FADO Paul Thayer
 FS Kevin Jones
 FS Michael Dennis
 PM Steven Skiff
 PMFF William Fitzpatrick
 EMTFF Duran Banks
 EMTFF Christina Hull
 EMTFF Nina Nozka
 BC Jonathan Hart

E Shift

PMFF Diana Petrusik
 EMTFF Cynthia Pegues

Station 18 – Randallstown**A Shift**

Capt. Marc Kemmer
 Lt. Leonard Yox
 FADO Jeffrey Bangerd
 FADO Timothy Groves
 FADO William Meyers Sr.
 FS Wayne Sharpe
 FS Philip Stuart

FFEMT Todd Smith
 PM Sheila Redding
 PM Nicole Petit
 EMTFF Evan Dayhoff
 PENT Patrick O'Doherty
 PENT Michael Rill

D Shift

Capt. Franklin Penn Jr.
 Lt. Gregg Deitz
 FADO Thomas Nickoles
 FADO Michael Stewart
 FADO Robert Murray Jr.
 FS Thomas Curtis
 FS Matthew Devers
 PMFF Kevin Cannady
 PM Latina Dorsey
 EMTFF Jere Christian
 EMTFF James Fulton Jr.
 PENT Mark Badger

B Shift

Capt. John Hoffman Jr.
 Lt. Daniel Plunkert
 FADO James Carter
 FADO Doreen Means
 FADO Richard Yingling Jr.
 FS Mark Stone
 FS Mark Trump
 FFEMT Joseph Zeiler III
 FFEMT James Ford
 PM Kristie Brinkley

EMTFF Jason Terry
 PENT Kenneth Burns
 PENT Kevin Cunningham

E Shift

EMT Thomasina Calhoun
 EMT Kathleen Duncan

C Shift

Capt Theodore Priester Jr.
 Lt. Craig Austin
 FADO John Quirk
 FADO Robert Lim
 FADO Donald Spangler
 FS Gerald Krause Jr.
 FS Jeffrey Geho
 FFEMT Dennis DeGross

PMFF Glenn Harris
 PMFF William Kyle Jr.
 EMTFF Edmund Saunders
 PENT Shanelle Harrington
 PENT Cassandra Petralia

Station 19 – Garrison

A Shift

Capt. Phillip Stevens
Lt. Lawrence Brister Sr.

FADO Gary Logan Sr.

PM William Danner
EMTFF Keith Blackmon
EMTFF Vonzell Groom

LT-E Henry Chinery III

D Shift

Capt John Perry III
Lt. William Reter 2nd
FADO Dennis Linker
FS Ronald Walters
PM Kyle Williams
EMTFF Leslie O'Neal
PEMT Caryn Collier
LT-E David Snyder

B Shift

Capt. Edmund Schwartz
Lt. Kellie Roody
FADO Roy Leatherwood

FS Juan Paige
PMFF Susan Fleming
EMTFF Michael Stone
EMT Steven Pearsall

LT-E Mark Wiley

C Shift

Capt. Vincent Fannon
Lt. Jeffrey Snyder
FADO Lawrence Lamont

FS Wayne Wagner
PMFF Nicole Nappi
EMTFF Adrian Gladney
PEMT Michael Walters
PEMT Monica Simpkins
LT-E William Ullrich

Station 56 -- Franklin

A Shift

Capt. Marion Davidson Jr.
Lt. James Bangerd III
FADO Paul Chenoweth
FS Scott Mitchell

PM Jaime Wooden
EMTFF Sherman Spruell

D Shift

Capt. Evan C. Proffen
Lt. Vernon E. Noratel
FADO Scott A. Boose
FS Allen L. Dutterer Jr.
PMFF Henry N. Meyers Jr.
EMTFF Carl D. Gentile
EMT Richard L. Allen Jr.

B Shift

Capt. Bruce Schultz
Lt. Steven Miller
FADO Wayne Hipsley
FS Mark Hare

PMFF Gary Rains
EMTFF Jeffrey Coleman
EMT Terrilyn Brown

C Shift

Capt. Albert Long Jr.
Lt. Ronald Burse
FADO David Haines
FS Francis Ward III
FFEMT Ketti Dutterer
PMFF Cheryl Gereny
EMTFF Karen Meyers
PEMT Jason Sparks

Division 3

Station 6 – Dundalk

A Shift

Capt. Charles Polesne Jr.
Lt. David Cox
FADO Thomas Fabrizio Jr.
FS Brian Smoot
PM Kia Rolle
PM Warren Bright
EMTFF Melisa Mabry
EMTFF Renee Smith
PEMT Joseph Kelly III
PEMT Christopher Mack

B Shift

Capt. Frederick Burkhardt
Lt. Michael Ruppert
FADO Dana Pack
FS Marcus Johnson
PM Brandee Palmer
PMFF Samuel Abrams
EMTFF Tracey Henry
EMT Ginger Diegert
PEMT Corey Morton Jr.
PEMT Adam Reninger

C Shift

Capt. Joseph Griebel
Lt. James Edwards
FADO Matthew Fox
FS Mark Milburne
PMFF Stephanie Valencia
PMFF Jamie LaRoque
EMTFF Ryan Downey
EMT Douglas Sibiski
PEMT Richard Hays
PEMT Darnell Roberts

D Shift

Capt. Thomas Kimbel
 Lt. Buddy Meadows
 FADO Glen Freund
 FSFS Scott Jackson
 PM Julie Lutostanski
 PMFF Corinne Womer
 EMFFF Samuel Bramwell
 PEMT Carlos Washington Jr.
 PEMT Bryan Schulz

E Shift

Lt. Frederick Koch III
 FADO Shelley Burnett
 FS Alan Moss

EMFFF Manuel Ortez

Station 7 -- Essex**A Shift**

Capt. Thomas Brown
 Lt. John Jessa
 FADO Dale Hess
 FADO James Westervelt Jr.
 FS Daniel Shumaker Jr.
 FS Steven Geller
 FFEMT Frank Pollock Sr.
 PMFF Patrick Henderson

EMFFF Clayton Iler
 PEMT Sarabeth Baglin
 PEMT Michael Bruzdinski Jr.

B Shift

Capt. David Bycoffe
 Lt. Ronald Mastin Jr.
 FADO Micheal Stuart, Jr.
 FADO Cynthia Willett
 FS Russell English Jr.
 FS Howard Simons
 FFEMT Michael Drasal
 PMFF Glen Real
 PMFF Reynold Blubaugh III
 EMFFF Jeffrey Riefner
 PEMT Marnon Bowles Jr.

C Shift

Capt James Slezak
 Lt. Lloyd Beard
 FADO Jeremy McDonnell
 FADO Donald Weis
 FS Lloyd Jenkins II
 FS Christopher Rossi

PM Luke Single

EMFFF Nicole Gilpin
 EMFFF Scott Nicely
 EMFFF Caroline Pace
 PEMT Courtney Berkeridge

D Shift

Capt. William S. Burkins
 LT Robert A. Weis
 FADO Louis J. Schaller
 FADO Gregory E. Lewis
 FS Edward W. Gail
 FS Joseph V. Gutkoska
 FFEMT Shane D. Davies
 FFEMT Samuel A. Valencia
 PMFF Kevin C. George
 PMFF Kathleen A Schaeffer
 EMFFF Joseph M. Funk Jr.
 PEMT Nicole D. McFadden

E Shift

PMFF Veronica L. Paugh
 PEMT Lisha L. Hogan

Station 9 -- Edgemere**A Shift**

Capt. Joseph V. Kelly, Jr.
 Lt. Harold J. Weissner III
 FADO David M. Johnston
 FS Steven M. Piker
 FFEMT Ronald L. Nixon
 PMFF Stephen H. Bauer
 EMFFF Deborah A. Thompson

B Shift

Capt. Michael S. Rutledge
 Lt. Paul W. Piker
 FADO Scott F. Dundas
 FS David D. Paugh
 FFEMT Dennis C. Barnes
 PMFF Terri A. Hill
 PEMT Timothy B. Pace

C Shift

CAPT David R. Westbrook
 Lt. Robert P. Van Vugt
 FADO Michael J. Frank
 PMFF Donald R. Pickle, Sr.
 EMFFF William M. Grape
 EMFFF Gregory W. Grove

D Shift

Capt. Steven C. Brown
LT Jeffrey S. Bowen
FADO Robert P. Chaney
FS Andre D. Seabrook
FFEMT Andrew T. West, Jr.
PM Tammy B. Lamb
EMT Jennifer A. Armetta
PEMT Justin M. Bruzdinski

Station 12 – Middle River

A Shift

Capt. Dennis S. Robertson
Lt. David R. Westbrook
FADO James A. Weis,
FS Frank A. Hudnet
PMFF John P. Perry
EMTFF Richard A. Swinder
EMTFF Richard E. Williams
PEMT Henry J. Lasek
Lt.-E Terry D. Hutchinson

B Shift

Capt. Robert T Binkley
Lt. Joseph K. Devito
FADO Brian C. Yingling
FS Steven R. Czawlytko
PM Teresa L. McClucas
PMFF Richard C. Dunham
EMTFF Michael W. Joyce
PEMT Jesse L. Greer
Lt.-E Richard A. Lannen

C Shift

Capt. Shawn S. Auld
Lt. Gregory J. Wisniewski
FADO Michael B. Weil
FS Aaron R. Carter
PMFF Sandra A. Stevens
EMTFF Michael H. Janney
EMTFF Edward A. Campitelli
Lt.-E Samuel P. Snyder

D Shift

Capt. Eric R. Endryas
Lt. Ronald J. Halley
FADO Charles J. McJilton
FS Erik R. Reinhardt
PMFF Janice M. Nichols
EMTFF Thomas L. Kimbel
PEMT Pamela C. Westfall
Lt.-E Jeffrey J. Willatts

Station 15 – Eastview

A Shift

Capt. Colin J. Stem
Lt. John B. Meyers IV
Lt. Daniel Kluge
FADO Randy E. Nelson
FADO Cleve J. Thompson
FADO Shawn M. Sebo
FS Damone D. Hazelton
FS William R. Johns, Jr.
FFEMT Richard D. Szukiewicz
PM Christina M. Ruberti
PEMT Veronica A. Campbell
Lt.-E Tracey L. Marvel

B Shift

Capt. Bryan T. Smith

Lt. William A. Stump
Lt. Jeffrey S. Akers
FADO Keith S. Kuhn
FADO Brian K. Griffin
FADO Alvin F. Stewart, Sr.
FS Eric S. Cole
FS John C. Greaver
FFEMT John C. Kelly
PMFF Terri L. Reid
EMTFF John E. Ritz
PEMT David J. Sole
PEMT Micheal R. Stuart III
Lt.-E Robert B. Paugh

C Shift

Capt. Francis X. DiPaula, Jr.
Lt. Paul G. Backhaus
Lt. Dennis L. Dembeck
FADO William L. Carter
FADO Brandon T. James
FADO Warren A. Jones
FS Daniel J. Jarkiewicz
FS Benjamin E. Schuler
PM Shari L. Peterson
EMTFF Robert L. Diegel
EMTFF Steven K. Lee
EMTFF Benjamin Ranneberger
EMT Kent R. Hewitt
PEMT Tonya E. Scott
Lt.-E James. L. Kookogey

D Shift

Capt. Donald L. McKeldin
 Lt. Charles C. Phillips
 Lt. Matthew A. Hill
 FADO Eric J. Stacharowski
 FADO Gregory C. Johnston
 FADO James O. Tillis, Jr.
 FS Ronald E. Schreiber
 FS Kenneth C. Chu
 PM Jennifer A. Martucci
 EMTFF Kevin D. Endres
 EMTFF Zachary H. Johns
 EMTFF Brent L. Williams
 EMT Patricia Cornell
 Lt.-E Leonard J. Stewart

Station 16 – Golden Ring**A Shift**

Capt. Jennifer L. Utz
 Lt. Craig A. Bidingier
 FADO John A. Purkey III
 FS Daniel J. Kelly
 PMFF Nina A. McLucas
 PM Carlos I. Velez
 EMTFF Eric A. Hartman
 EMTFF Cheryl A. Schaal
 BC Wayne L. Tome Sr.

B Shift

Capt. Frederick C. Rafferty, Jr.
 Lt. Scott G. Ebbert
 FADO David J. Oliver
 FS Allen J. Dufour Jr.
 PM Timothy B. Rostkowski
 EMTFF Adam H. Lublinsky
 PEMT Katie L. Zingarelli
 PEMT Jacob G. Stuart
 DC Mark J. Ewers

C Shift

Capt. Michael D. Acosta
 Lt. David J. Angelo
 FADO David T. Weiss III
 FS Kimberly A. Rossi
 PM Sophia R. Frank
 PMFF Amanda M. Drasal
 PEMT Chad D. Barben
 PEMT Kevin P. Miller
 BC James E. Devers

D Shift

Capt. Blaine A. Kurrle
 Lt. Christian E. Weir Jr.
 FADO Philip Tirabassi
 FS Darryl A. Malkus
 PM Thomas B. Stevenson Jr.
 PM Christine N. Ferenc
 PEMT Nicole Tucker
 BC Paul A. Leverton

Station 54 – Chase**A Shift**

Capt. Paul J. Eurice
 Lt. Nobel G. Hinckle
 FADO Kevin E. Nagy
 FS William R. White
 PMFF Stanley R. Bensley
 PMFF Curtis D. Wiggins Jr.
 EMTFF Teisha C. Jackson

B Shift

Capt. Michael J. Torbit
 Lt. Timothy L. Hannan
 FADO Gary M. Schwiegerath
 FS Richard E. Spilman
 PMFF Scott W. Davidson
 EMTFF Jerry K. Ertwine
 EMTFF Wendy B. Stallings
 PEMT Shana P. Groom

C Shift

Capt. Kenneth C. Thomas
 Lt. Vernon S. Adamson
 FADO Marvin R. Fletcher
 FS Kathy L. Boblits
 PMFF Christopher M. Hoffman
 EMTFF James. H. Shores
 EMTFF Scott E. Arndt

D Shift

Capt. Jerome E. Rosenberger
Lt. Sandra L. Funk
FADO Aloysius A. Connor
FS John E. Schreiber Sr.
PM Michael B. Bell
EMTFF Sherri L. Voyzey
EMTFF Gregory E. Watson

Station 57 – Sparrows Point

A Shift

Capt. Michael C. Gardner (T)
FADO Jeffrey A. Robertson
FS Gary J. Moses
FFEMT Todd C. Aupperley

B Shift

Capt. Ray K. Breighner
FADO Edward T. Rachinskas
FS Terry D. Curlee
FFEMT William C. Tittsworth

C Shift

Capt. Pamela A. MacLean
FADO Gary W. Purkey
FS Dennis P. Thamert
FFEMT Craig Johnson

D Shift

Capt. Thomas G. Schaech
FADO Gary N. Burton
FS Edward M. Dailey
FFEMT Diane L. McDonald

Station 58 – Back River Neck

A Shift

PMFF Richard P. Kahler
EMT Laurie J. Kutrick

B Shift

PMFF Michele M. Polich
EMTFF Cherita A. Hunley

C Shift

PM Delores A. Pickle
EMT Dora E. Harlee

D Shift

PM William S. Barquin
EMT Amy M. Bittner

Run Totals

Baltimore County Fire and EMS crews responded to more than 120,282 incidents in 2011.

- 88,666 EMS incidents
- 2,402 fire incidents, including 682 structure fires
- Dundalk Station #6 was the busiest station: 9,842 runs.
- Medic 1 (Towson), the busiest medic unit, ran 3,967 calls.



July 6: Garage fire, 3 Candlestick Drive, Greenspring Valley

- Woodlawn's Engine 3 was the busiest engine company: 2,986 runs.
- Truck 13 (Westview) was the busiest ladder company, with 1,561 runs.
- Squad 303 from Lutherville Volunteer Fire Co. was the busiest heavy rescue company, with 352 runs.
- BC2 was the busiest battalion chief, with 462 runs.
- Vehicle accidents without extrication: 6,092
- Vehicle extrications: 138
- Other rescues: 210
- Hazardous materials: 5,787
- False alarms/good intent: 13,838



May 9: Rescue on Baltimore Beltway involving car that ran into a sediment pond.

Divisions

Fire-Rescue Academy

Division Chief Michael Robinson
Battalion Chief Charles Rogers

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Was reaccredited as an Accredited Training Review Agency (ATRA) of the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualifications Board (MFSPQB) As an ATRA, the FRA has authority to certify personnel from firefighter to fire officer to more than 25 national standards. Several of our “best practices” were adopted statewide and presented to national certification systems for inclusion into their methodologies.
- Purchased an upgraded temperature monitoring system for the FRA burn building. The latest technology, the system monitors, records and warns of excessive temperatures in this specially designed structure – thus improving safety for fire personnel.
- FS Michael DeLuca assisted with development and implementation of a new Learning Management System in concert with OIT and the Police Department. This system allows “online” access to education, training and certification programs.
- Obtained two new props for the training compound. The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association donated a new “Forcible Entry Prop” in December 2011. Also, the Department rebuilt the roof prop, to be used for training purposes.
- Conducted two successful house burns. The houses were burned for training purposes during the 99th and 100th Recruit classes.



Tactical Rescue/USAR-17

Division Chief Michael Robinson
ATR 1- Captain Charles Tudor

- Responded to 79 incidents
- Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team trained in hurricane disaster response missions with Baltimore County Police and Maryland Army National Guard Aviation units during “Operation Underdog,” August 3, 2011.
- Performed multiple swiftwater/flood rescues during Hurricane Irene.
- Members of Pennsylvania Task Force 1 were deployed to upstate New York with FEMA for Hurricane Irene.
- On January 25, a dog on the ice was rescued from Loch Raven Reservoir. Participating crews were honored by the [Baltimore Humane Society](#).
- On August 1, crews rescued a worker from a trench collapse in Pikesville.
- On April 14, a high angle rescue was performed to rescue a window washer trapped on the side of a Towson high-rise.



The Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team



County Executive Kamenetz greets members of Pennsylvania Task Force 1 after their return from upstate New York.



Toby the Golden Retriever, rescued from Loch Raven Reservoir on January 25.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

Division Chief Mark Ewers
Batallion Chief Paul Lurz

- Activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the earthquake of August 2011 and for Hurricane Irene, also August 2011.
- Sought and received federal disaster declarations for both Hurricane Irene (August 2011) and the remnants of Tropical Depression Lee. As a result of these declarations, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursed Baltimore County for more than \$3 million in storm costs.
- Supported federally mandated efforts to update the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Began work on local Hazard Mitigation Plan updates.



Tropical Storm Lee: Flooding in Reisterstown

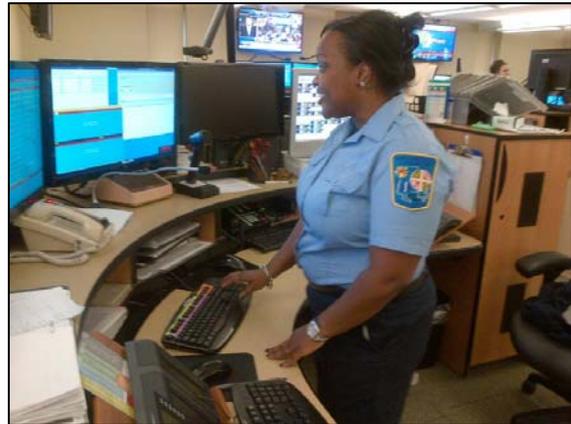
- With support from public safety partners, successfully completed our actions to close out the FFY 2008 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant, the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant, the Citizens Corps Program (CCP) Grant, and the FFY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). In addition, Baltimore County successfully completed requirements under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant, the Community Right-To-Know/LEPC Grant, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterways Improvement Grant. These grants helped provide equipment and training for emergency responders and improved protection of critical infrastructure.
- In August 2011, OEM members visited the National Weather Service Office in Sterling, VA to strengthen relationships and learn about the tools used to warn us of hazardous weather.
- Emergency Management Planner Steven Welzant was elected president of the Maryland Emergency Management Association.
- In April 2011, led members of a Chinese delegation of health and safety professionals on a tour of our EOC and the 911 Center.

Fire Communications

Director Richard Petry

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- 117,836 calls for service; 91,500 are EMS-related.
- Ongoing planning for transition to New 911 Center.
- Finalized protocol files for future implementation of EFD (Emergency Fire Dispatch).
- Consolidated office space for 911 construction project.
- Continued progress toward digital P25 Radio system.
- Functioned several times from the backup 911 Center.
- Rebanding and programming of all Department radios for move to digital P25 Radio system.
- Upgrade of software enabling data system and mobile laptops to communicate.
- Director Richard Petry retires.



FF April Owens at Fire Dispatch

Fire Marshal's Office

Director Zachary Stith



Staff of the Fire Marshal's Office

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- In June, transitioned the Fire Investigation Division to Baltimore County Police Department. The unit is now called the Arson Team.
- Director Zachary Stith retires.

Fire and EMS Events

May 2, 2011: East Side Fire, EMS Crews Get \$1.8 Million Worth of New Equipment



County officials on May 2 placed into service three new fire engines and a new medic unit worth a total of \$1.8 million at an event at the Baltimore County Fire-Rescue Academy in Sparrows Point.

The new units replaced older models at the Sparrows Point, Eastview and Dundalk career fire stations. Each station received a new engine; Dundalk received the new medic unit. Both the Dundalk engine and medic unit replaced apparatus destroyed during the fire that

damaged the Dundalk station during the 2010 February blizzard.

Engine 6 is a 2010 and Engine 15 a 2009 Spartan/Rosenbauer fire engine. The units carry 750 gallons of water and use a 7.5 KW quiet run generator.

Engine 57 is a unique dual-purpose firefighting/aerial device, the only one of its kind in the Baltimore County fleet. It combines the pumping functions of an engine with the aerial function of a ladder truck and is well suited to the type of incidents and structures common to the Sparrows Point steel plant.

Medic 106 is a 2010 Wheeled Coach/International unit with a patient compartment larger than the industry standard.



June 9, 2011: CPR/AED Event, Parkville Station #10

The Fire Department honored sudden cardiac arrest survivors and EMS and medical providers during National CPR/AED Week, observed the first week of June. The 2011 event was held at the Parkville Fire Station.

Baltimore County Public School officials attended the ceremony to announce that, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, high school students will receive "hands only" CPR training as part of their health education class.

EMS leaders also used the event to promote a public access defibrillation program, "Project Heartbeat." Project Heartbeat aims to install AEDs in public places and to train businesses, schools and other organizations to use them.

Through Project Heartbeat, Baltimore County has installed AEDs in all public schools and county buildings such as county offices and courthouses.



Survivor Lydia Weiss shares an emotional moment.



Survivor John Wilmoth of Perry Hall, with EMS crews that helped save him.

June 15, 2011: Hero Pin Ceremony, 611 Dorsey Avenue Fire

On April 14, 2011, 15-year-old Charley Knisley III was sleeping on a sofa in his grandparent's home in Essex when he heard a crackling noise. Charley woke up around 4 a.m. to find his blanket on fire, and quickly moved to get family members out of the house.

He convinced his grandmother to climb out of a second-story window and caught his brother as he jumped off the porch roof. As soon as his grandmother jumped, the windows shattered from the blaze. His grandfather escaped through the front door.



Charley Knisley III (holding certificate) alerted his family to a potentially deadly fire.

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz honored Charley Knisley in an informal May 4 ceremony in the County Executive's office.

"Charley Knisley is a hero in the truest sense of the word," Kamenetz said, presenting the teen with an Executive Citation and Baltimore County "Hero Pin."

August 24, 2011: 99th Recruit Class Graduation Exercises

The 99th Recruit Class graduated from the Fire-Rescue Academy on August 24, 2011. Ceremonies were held at Loch Raven High School for this class of Probationary Firefighters.

99th Recruit Class

Zachary A. Belcher
Ryan Bender
Jessica Brown
Andrew Capone
Brian Compber
Stuart Counsellor
Joseph Fiedler
Anna Greenwalt
William Herrman
Matthew Hoffman
Kevin Itima
Matthew Malczewski
Darryl McCray
Michael Murphy
Salliann Muscella
Maria Owens
Brian Palmer
Anna Pelevina
Marcus Perry
Larry Roos Jr.
Matthew Schultz
Charles Shivery
Norman Simpkins Jr.
Phillip Tran



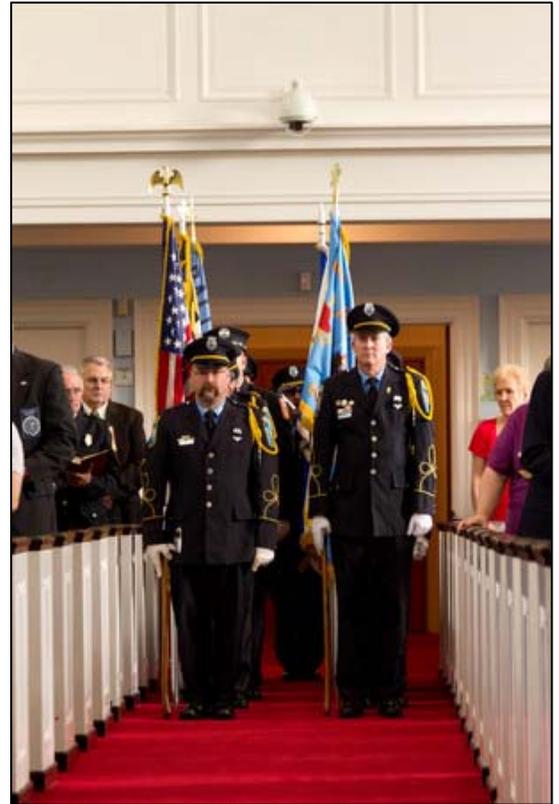
The 99th Recruit Class

September 25, 2011: Annual Fire Service Memorial Ceremony

A memorial service honoring 53 members of the Baltimore County Fire Service who died during the past year was held September 25 at Towson United Methodist Church.

This annual memorial service honors all career and volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, ladies' auxiliary members and other fire service members who have died during the previous year.

The honorees included retired career firefighter and Lutherville volunteer Mark Falkenhan, who died in January while fighting an apartment fire in Hillendale. Falkenhan was the first member to die in active firefighting since the Shillers Furniture fire in 1984.



October 17, 2011: Dedication of Hazmat 114 and “Storm Ready” Recertification



Fire Chief Hohman, assisted by Police Chief Jim Johnson, cuts the ribbon on the new Hazmat 114.

In a ceremony at the Brooklandville Fire Station, fire officials dedicated a new, much needed hazardous materials unit. The Department also announced its recertification by the National Weather Service as a “storm ready” county.

The state-of-the-art 2010 Spartan Rosenbaur cost \$470,449 and was paid for with a combination of county funds and Federal Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds. It replaces a 1988 Salisbury, the first vehicle specifically designed for hazardous materials responses. The Department has used the Salisbury unit for 23 years.

Storm Readiness Recertification

The U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the National Weather Service, recognizes jurisdictions that have met preparedness requirements for severe weather. Baltimore County’s “storm ready” certification is valid for three years, expiring in 2014.



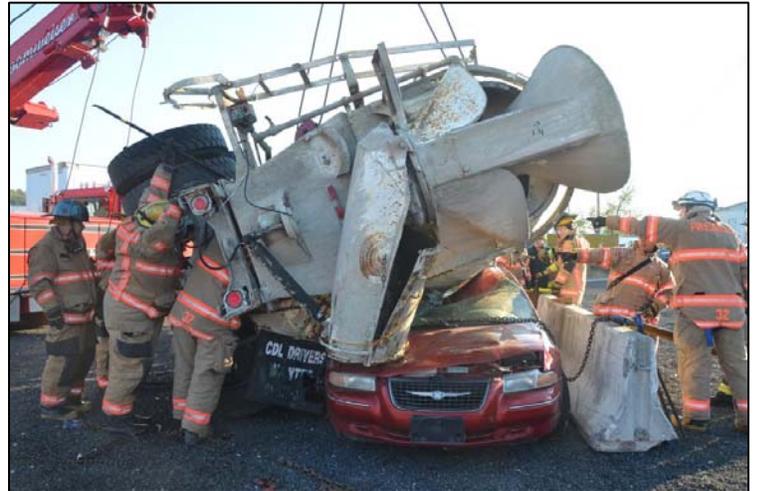
Director of Emergency Management Mark Hubbard explains the County’s “Storm Readiness” recertification.

October 22, 2011: “Big Rig” Rescue Training

Firefighters from around the region participated in the county’s first “Big Rig” rescue training, held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association, which runs the County’s heavy rescue squads, coordinated the event. Billy Leach Jr. conducted the training.

Participants included tactical firefighters from Texas Station 17 and medical staff from the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. They worked side by side with some of the area’s foremost towing and recovery professionals.

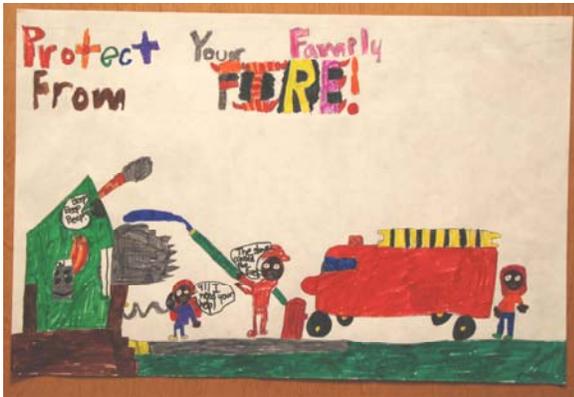


Volunteer truck and squad companies that participated in the training included Arbutus, Bowleys Quarters, Glyndon, Kingsville, Lutherville, Middle River Ambo, Middle River Fire, North Point/Edgemere, Owings Mills, Pikesville, Providence, Towson, Reisterstown and White Marsh .

“Big Rig” rescue scenarios included a loaded overturned cement mixer, a school bus on top of a jeep, a passenger car under the rear of a tractor-trailer, and an 18-wheeler carrying liquid asphalt that overturned on top of a car.



December 7, 2011: Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest Ceremony



1st Place

Featherbed Lane Elementary third-grader Kiara Smith won first prize in the Fire Department's 2011 Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest. Kiara won \$100, plus other prizes.

The second and third-place winners, John Hilseberg of Fullerton Elementary and Alyssa Modisette of Sparks Elementary, each received \$50. The fourth and fifth-place winners, Eliana Palmer of Timber Grove and Nicholas Dernoga

of Chesapeake Terrace, each received \$35.

Thirty-seven honorable mention winners each won \$25.

This year's contest focused on fire escape plans; the theme was, "Protect Your Family From Fire."

The Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Baltimore County Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 1311, provided the monetary awards.



2nd Place



3rd Place

March 27, 2012: 2011 Promotional and Commendations Ceremony

The Fire Department recognized personnel who were promoted and who performed extraordinarily in 2011 at its annual Promotional and Commendations Ceremony, held March 27, 2012 at Goucher College.

Promotions

Fire Captain

David Angelo
Jeffrey Bowen
Mark Eagle
Jeffrey Kreimer
Lonnie Ledford
Daniel Plunkert
James Radomsky
Michael Robinette
John Schultz
Louis Wingo Jr.
Gregory Wisniewski



Capt. Jeffrey Bowen

Fire Lieutenant

Paul Chenoweth
Eric Cole
Michael Drasal
Donald Friedel
Richard Green Jr.
Angela Hughes
Marcus Johnson
Michael Lawrence
Mark Milburne
Jay Ringgold
Jose Rodriguez Jr.
Christopher Rossi
Edmund Schwartz Jr.
Stephen Sindler
Eric Stacharowski
Mark Stone
Joseph Woynovitz Jr.



EMS Lt. Danielle Knatz



Lt. Marcus Johnson

EMS Lieutenant

Jeanette Barshinger
Danielle Knatz
Jennifer Martucci
Paul Massarelli
Bianca Thompson

Fire Apparatus Driver Operator

Michael Barshinger
Kevin Cook
John Ritz
Alexander Scott

Commendations

Departmental Bronze Star

FF Michael Murphy

Purple Heart

FS Eric M. Needle

Departmental Distinguished Service Award

William A. Kalwa

Departmental Unit Citation

FF Anthony Backhaus
Lt. Richard Baublitz
Sgt. Kyle Blackburn
FF John Bomman
Lt. Jeffrey Bowen
PEMT Justin Bruzdinski
FF James Byrne
FADO Robert Chaney
FS Kenneth Chu
FS Eric Cole
FF Shane Cole
PFF Stuart Counsellor
Capt. Francis DiPaula Jr.
Lt. George Dulina
EMT/FF Kevin Endres
Capt. Eric Endryas
FADO Robert Fogle III
FADO Michael Fox
FADO Glen Freund
Lt. Sandra Funk
PM/FF Kevin George
Capt. Todd Gibney
Lt. Adam Goodman
FS John Greaver
EMT/FF Michael Griffiths
EMT/FF Justin Hadel
FS Damone Hazleton
Lt. Matthew Hill
FF Troy Hipsley
FF Richard Holden
FS Joseph Holland
Lt. Thomas Hug
EMT/FF David Hundertmark
FS Scott Jackson
FS William Johns Jr.

PM/FF Richard Lyons
EMS Lt. Tracey Marvel
EMT John McMahan
Lt. Buddy Meadows
FADO John Medinger
Lt. John Meyers IV
FADO Timothy Mooney
BC Martin Munroe
FADO Randy Nelson
PM Alexander Paris
Lt. Charles Phillips
Capt. Glenn Resnick
FADO Gary Rickrode
FADO John Ritz
Director Charles Rogers
FS Christopher Rossi
PM Christina Ruberti
FF Donald Rubin
FF Colin Rynne
Lt. Ryan Santmyer
PEMT Nicholas Saylor
Lt. Josh Schumer
FS Andre Seabrook
FADO Shawn Sebo
Lt. Shawn Sebo
Capt. Robert Seigle
EMT Jada Sewell
PM Harvey Sindler
FADO Randall Smith
EMS Lt. David Snyder
FADO Eric Stacharowski
FADO Alvin Stewart Sr.
Lt. William Stump
FF Richard Swinder



Bronze Star Winner FF Michael Murphy

FF Michael Johnson
FADO Gregory Johnston
FF/EMT John Kelly
Capt. Thomas Kimbel
FF Robert Klein
Lt. Daniel Kluge
EMT Charles Kolkin
Sgt. Sam Kroll
FADO Keith Kuhn
FADO Gregory Lewis
Chief Tommy Ludwig

FADO Cleve Thompson
FADO James Tillis Jr.
EMT Angel Torain
Capt. Charles Tudor III
FF/EMT Samuel Valencia
EMT/FF Brandon Watkins
Lt. Robert Weis
Lt. Gary Wheeler
EMT/FF Joseph Wiggins
Lt. Will Willinger
Act. Lt. Lewis Woolf

Citizen's Medal of Honor

Carlos Wise
Patrick Griffin

Citizen's Certificate of Merit

William Christensen
Lewis Hale
Rissell Irvin
Timothy "TJ" Irvin
Devin Klaburner
Phillip Mooney
Noelle Nivens
Natalie Phyll
Debbie June Warner
Charles Francis Workman



**Devin Klaburner, winner of the
Citizen's Certificate of Merit**



**Mr. Carlos Wise helped stop a bus full of
passengers when the driver fell unconscious.
The Department awarded him its highest
civilian honor.**

2011 Noteworthy Incidents

January 4: Fatal Beltway Truck Fire

Towson area fire crews responded to a fatal Beltway accident involving a tractor-trailer that crashed through the sound wall. Fire dispatchers received a call at about 4:40 a.m. for a truck fire on the inner loop of the Beltway, between Dulaney Valley and Providence roads. Engine 291 (Providence VFC) arrived first and found that a tractor-trailer had crashed through the sound wall and was fully involved with fire. Crews extinguished the fire and extricated an adult male victim, deceased. Hazmat crews said the truck was carrying a calcium carbonate, a non-hazardous material.

January 19: Firefighter Fatality at 30 Dowling Circle

On January 19 at 6:22 p.m., fire box 11-9 was alerted for an apartment fire at 30 Dowling Circle in the Hillendale area. While en route, units learned that residents could be trapped; the assignment was upgraded. Engine 11 arrived first and found a three-story apartment building with heavy black smoke emanating from all three floors and a resident ready to jump from a third-floor window.

In the first 30 minutes of this extensive operation, BCoFD experienced heroism and tragedy beyond anything witnessed in a quarter of a century.



The crew from Engine 11 immediately pulled attack lines to make entry into the basement apartment. The black, acrid smoke and a wall of heat made initial entry impossible. The crew from Engine 10 arrived and ventilated the lower floor to relieve the heat. As Engine 11's crew entered the building for fire combat, firefighters extended a ladder to the third-floor resident threatening to jump. They calmed her and brought her down the ladder.

With the arrival of Trucks 1 and 8 and Lutherville's Squad 303, a search of all individual apartment units began. On the second floor, just above the fire, a team from Truck 1 discovered an elderly man unconscious in the bedroom. Under heavy fire conditions and zero visibility, they removed the patient to a window; outside crews helped the patient to the ground.

At the same time, firefighters from Truck 8 searched the living room of the same apartment and found an unconscious woman in a chair. As they started to remove her to the stairway, fire

and heat rolled over their heads. To protect the victim from intense heat, one firefighter threw his body over her, burning his turnout gear so badly that it was later condemned. After the rollover, the crew quickly removed the patient to medical crews waiting at the front door.

While Trucks 1 and 8 were working on the second floor, the crew from Lutherville's Squad 303, under the leadership of FF/PM Mark Falkenhan, performed a search of the third floor. Initial smoke and heat conditions were tolerable as they looked for trapped occupants. Finding no one in the apartment, FF/PM Falkenhan and his partner attempted to exit the apartment -- only to find fire quickly rolling up the internal stairway. Retreating to the apartment, the pair immediately looked for windows through which to escape. The partner found a front bedroom window and did a "firefighter bailout" to escape the extreme heat conditions. Bailing headfirst from the third floor window, he flipped upside-down, receiving an injured hand and lacerations.



FF/PM Mark Falkenhan

Under heavy heat, smoke and fire conditions in the third-floor apartment unit, FF/PM Falkenhan followed prescribed fire department procedure; he declared a "MAYDAY." Commanders and dispatchers directed all available resources to his rescue and kept in constant communication with him. An officer from Engine 8, hearing the Mayday, immediately ascended a ladder to the third-floor balcony. Under heavy fire and smoke conditions from the unit burning below, the officer reached the balcony, whose structural integrity was in question due to fire impingement. He quickly found FF/PM Falkenhan and moved him to the balcony. FF/PM Falkenhan was evacuated from the third floor balcony with the assistance of the crews from Engine 16 and Providence VFC. Medical personnel worked heroically to revive FF/PM Falkenhan -- but despite their

best efforts he died.

This terrible fire required extraordinary effort from many people. These include the fire dispatchers who managed radio operations under extreme duress; the on-scene personnel who performed fire combat, rescue and EMS functions; and all those who helped the Fire Service family deal with a tragic loss.

Two months after his death, at the March 22, 2011 Commendations and Promotional Ceremony, the Department awarded Falkenhan its highest award, the Medal of Honor.

February 19: Multiple Multi-Alarm Fires

February 19, 2011 was one of the most extraordinary days the Baltimore County fire service had seen in many years. High winds and dry conditions combined to create conditions favorable to fast-spreading fires. Crews fought multiple overlapping fires, including two three-alarm events, two two-alarm events, several single-alarm fires and woods fires -- all within a 24-hour period. Fire officials said that, together, these events put a greater strain on Baltimore County resources than the much more widely publicized Hurricane Isabel back in 2003.

One of the three-alarm fires occurred at a nursing home at 1812 Landrake Road in Ruxton. The other involved a bedding company at 8555 Pulaski Highway.

In the Middle River area, crews responded to a two-alarm dwelling fire with people trapped at 64 King Henry Circle. The engine crew could see flames above the tree tops from as far away as Middle River Road. During firefighting operations, windblown embers ignited a secondary fire in a wooded area two blocks away.

April 14: High-Angle Rescue, Edenwald Apartments in Towson

Tactical crews rescued a window washer who was trapped, hanging from his harness, outside the 10th story of an assisted living highrise in the 800 block of Southland Road. Crews responded at 12:18 p.m. The worker was trying to lower himself from the roof using a weight system and harness when he slipped and knocked himself against an outside wall. He was suspended outside the 10th floor for about an hour. Crews from the Texas fire station performed the rescue. One firefighter rappelled from the building's roof, while another assisted from a window near the window washer. Other crew members ascended to the 10th floor in a basket and lowered the man to safety.

July 9: 4-Alarm Fire, Days Inn on Baltimore National Pike

A four-alarm fire at the Days Inn on Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville broke out just after 8 p.m. Nearly 70 pieces of equipment, including units from Howard and Carroll counties and Baltimore City, responded.



Crews evacuated nearly 160 hotel patrons from the building. Two patrons and one firefighter suffered minor injuries. Investigators found that the fire began in a locked seventh-floor storage room.

July 12: 3-Alarm Fire, 15 Old Coach Lane in Owings Mills

Shortly after 2 p.m., fire erupted at 15 Old Coach Lane, at the Morningside Apartment and Town Home Complex in Owings Mills. The fire rapidly spread to 13 two-story town homes and escalated to three alarms. The fire required additional units so that crews could rotate on a regular basis and get relief from the intense summer heat.

Thirteen adults and 12 children were displaced. One volunteer firefighter, from Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Company, was transported to Sinai Hospital for heat exhaustion. Investigators determined that unattended cooking was the cause.

August 1: Pikesville Trench Rescue, 8/1/2011

At 1:14 p.m., with temperatures around 100 degrees farenheit, crews responded to a call involving a worker buried to just above his waist in a 30” wide x 8’ deep trench dug along the foundation of a private home. A second worker was also in the trench, trying to hold back a fractured trench lip that was in danger of further collapse.

The second worker was rescued at 1:44 p.m. The worker buried to his waist was removed from the trench at 3:08 p.m. and transported to Shock Trauma via Trooper 1.



August 18: 3-Alarm Fire, Perry Hall Apartments



About a dozen residents of a Perry Hall apartment complex were forced from their homes by a three-alarm fire on August 18. The fire on Juliet Lane occurred about 8 p.m. The residents self-evacuated; no one was injured.

August 23: Earthquake

At 1:51 p.m., Marylanders were shaken by a 5.8-magnitude earthquake centered northwest of Richmond, Va. The quake – a rarity in this area – sent people running from buildings and checking for structural damage. Baltimore County activated its Emergency Operations Center for several hours while officials checked for damage and injuries. No injuries were reported. This was the strongest earthquake ever recorded in Maryland.

August 25: Alleta Avenue Fatal Fire

An elderly woman died and a man suffered serious injuries in an August 25 house fire on Alletta Avenue in Lansdowne. Fire spread rapidly through the home, partly because of its design and construction. Investigators found that a basement gas meter failed, with gas leaking around the gas main. A career firefighter suffered a minor injury.

August 27-September 7: Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee



Baltimore County officials activated the Emergency Operations Center at noon on Saturday, August 27, to prepare for Hurricane Irene.

Irene arrived in Maryland as a Category 1 storm with a 300-mile wide storm track.

The Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management assisted the Maryland Department of Human Resources with the evacuation of over 1,600 student

workers.

Power outages affected more than two-thirds of county residents, and some customers were without power for a week or more. Many roads were closed due to fallen trees, downed power lines, and inoperable traffic control lights; thousands of basements were flooded.

Tropical Storm Lee, which hit Maryland on September 7, produced higher quantities of rain than Hurricane Irene. Flooding closed beltway ramps at Security Boulevard, stalling cars in more than a foot of standing water. Roads and intersections everywhere forced motorists to find alternate routes. In some areas of the county, flood levels were comparable to that of Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

August 28: Straw Hat Road Fatal Fire

A 77-year-old woman died in an August 28 fire in her Owings Mills home on Straw Hat Road. Firefighters said the fire started with discarded smoking materials.



August 30: Big Falls Road Fatal Fire

At 12:25 a.m., firefighters responded to a two-story single-family dwelling at 17300 Big Falls Road, in Monkton. William Harrison Smith, an 80 year-old male, was located in a second-floor bedroom and died of his injuries.

September 15: 2-Alarm Fire, Memphis On Main Street

On September 15, an early-morning 2-alarm fire caused significant damage to a popular Reisterstown restaurant, Memphis On Main Street.

Police arrived at 21 Main St. and found smoke coming from the rear of the building. The first-arriving fire crews determined the fire had spread and requested a second alarm. Firefighters brought the fire under control in about 45 minutes. Damages affected the rear of the structure in the bar area, both floors and the basement. No one was injured.



October 8: Walmart Bleach Incident, Washington Boulevard

Fire and police units responded to an unusual incident at the Walmart on Washington Boulevard in which two female shoppers who had been fighting as the result of a continual dispute over a boyfriend threw bleach and ammonia on each other. One of the women was transported to the Wilmer Eye clinic with a potentially serious eye injury. Nineteen people were transported to area hospitals for evaluation and for treatment of minor complaints. Police charged one of the women, a 33-year-old resident of Lansdowne, with first- and second-degree assault, theft of items under \$100 and malicious destruction of property.

October 9: High-Angle Rescue at Patapsco Valley State Park

Tactical rescue crews rescued a man who fell while climbing a 30 foot cliff at Patapsco Valley State Park in the Catonsville area.

At about 4:40 p.m., Catonsville's Engine 4 arrived in a remote area off of Hilltop Road, near the Patapsco River, and found the 24-year-old patient at the bottom of a cliff. The man was conscious and alert, and accessible only by trail. Catonsville crews called for additional help including the county's tactical team, USAR 17 (Texas). Other responding companies included Westview, Arbutus and Woodlawn. Rescue units from nearby Howard County also assisted.

Using ropes, crews lowered a stokes basket from the top of the cliff to the patient. Then using ropes again, firefighters walked and hoisted the basket up the cliff, guiding it so that the patient did not jostle against the cliff.

November 4: 3-Alarm Apartment Fire at 9611 Haven Farm Road

At 8:15 p.m., fire crews were dispatched to an apartment fire at Haven Farm Court in Perry Hall. All residents had vacated the building when fire crews arrived. Seventeen residents were displaced.



November 6: 3-Alarm DiDi's Pizza Fire, 11/6/11



Firefighters battled a 3-alarm, gas-fed fire at `DiDi's Pizza, 7444 Holabird Ave. in Dundalk.

Investigators said the fire was accidental, caused by combustibles placed too close to a stove.

2011 Retirements



**BC James Devers
with Chief Hohman**



**DC Jonathan Hart, Director Zachary
Stith & Director Glenn Blackwell,
with Charnetta Holman**



**Capt. Jhett Lewis
with Chief Hohman**

The Fire Department said goodbye to 44 sworn and civilian members who retired in 2011. Many of these retirees took advantage of an early retirement incentive offered by the County Executive in the fall of 2011. We wish these friends and colleagues a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Lt. Lawrence Wroten	04/16/2011
EMT/FF William Grape	04/22/2011
FADO William L. Carter	04/30/2011
FADO Robert Brenneman	05/10/2011
Acct. Clerk Suzanne Brammer	06/01/2011
Lt. Mark Demski	06/04/2011
Lt. Ronald Huber Jr.	06/17/2011
Ofc. Admin. Deborah Lonczynski	07/01/2011
FS Mark Hare	10/01/2011
Capt. Kevin Stielper	10/03/2011
Lt. Lawrence Brister	10/16/2011
Lt. Joseph Heller	10/22/2011
Capt. Joseph A. Munchel	10/31/2011
Capt. William E. Carter	11/01/2011
Capt. George Darr	11/01/2011
PM/FF Mark Punt	11/01/2011
Ofc. Coord. Venida LaVern Pearce	11/05/2011
EMS Lt. Terry Hutchinson	11/17/2011
PM Richard Kahler	11/17/2011
Lt. Lawrence Myers	11/18/2011
FADO Douglas Holloway	11/20/2011
PM/FF Susan Fleming	11/22/2011



Lt. Sam Snyder



**FS Bill Connolly and
Ofc. Admin. Debbie Lonczynski**



**Lt. Mark Demski
with Chief Hohman**

EMT/FF Cheryl Schaal	11/24/2011
Fire Director Zachary Stith	12/01/2011
Fire Director Dennis Brothers	12/16/2011
Capt. Jhett Lewis	12/17/2011
Asst. Chief Mark Weir	12/17/2011
Capt. Barry Ledford	12/18/2011
Capt. Dennis Robertson	12/18/2011
FF/EMT Diane McDonald	12/20/2011
Lt. Charles Phillips	12/20/2011
FS Wayne Sharpe	12/20/2011
FS Oscar Connally	12/23/2011
Battalion Chief James Devers	12/24/2011
Capt. David Westbrook	12/25/2011
Capt. Joseph Kelly Jr.	12/30/2011
Ofc. Coord. Barbara J. Daugherty	12/31/2011
Ofc. Admin. Lisa Brooks	12/31/2011
Director Richard Petry	12/31/2011
EMS Lt. Samuel Snyder	12/31/2011
FADO Nicki Coroneos	12/31/2011
Fire Director Glenn Blackwell	12/31/2011
Lt. James Kookogey	12/31/2011
PM Karen Kellner	12/31/2011



EMS Lt. Terry Hutchinson



EMT/FF William Grape

In Memoriam

This year, the Baltimore County Fire Department lost 16 retired members and one active member – FS Kurt Chenowith, who died at 25 in an August 9 motorcycle accident. They remain in our hearts and prayers.



Anthony Meeker
1/1/11



William H. Falkenhan
1/11/11



Brian Z. Rutter
2/3/11



Robert L. Kile Sr.
3/6/11



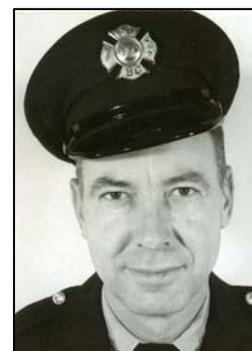
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4/7/11



August Furst
4/26/11



Howard J. Wode
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Kenneth Hamel
5/17/11



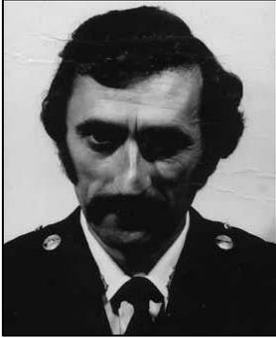
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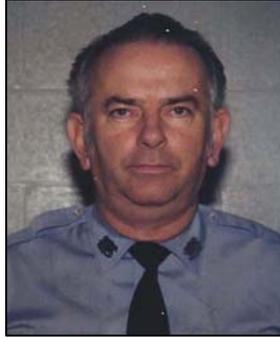
Charles Grund Sr.
7/30/11



Kurt Chenowith
8/9/11



James Lay
9/5/11



Ronald J. Evans Sr.
12/10/11



Stuart L. Patterson
12/13/11



Earl K. Lookingbill
12/30/11

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MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND MITIGATION OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENTS TO THE CITIZENS OF AND VISITORS TO BALTIMORE COUNTY.

OUR SERVICE DELIVERY IS ENHANCED THROUGH TRAINING, EDUCATION PLANNING, AND TEAMWORK. WE WILL SAFELY ACHIEVE OUR MISSION WHILE REMAINING ECONOMICALLY RESPONSIBLE THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT USE OF ALL RESOURCES.

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INTEGRITY
DEDICATION
EXCELLENCE

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