

Baltimore County Fire Department

2012 Year in Review

Baltimore County, Maryland





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Messages to Fire & EMS Personnel

Congratulations to the men and women of the Baltimore County Fire Department. In 2012 you once again showed your commitment and caring by being there for our citizens when they need help most.

The skill and compassion of our firefighters and emergency medical personnel are among Baltimore County's biggest assets. I want you to know how much I appreciate that.

Kevin Kameneck



Our Fire Department continues to evolve and to adapt to changing times. Change can be difficult, and I commend each of you for your efforts to help us adjust to a new economy and to a county that is different in many ways from the one that existed 20, or even 10, years ago.

I thank you for the cooperation and dedication that you show every day, and know that the Fire Department can count on you to help us meet the challenges that the future inevitably holds.

Alan J. Hester

Fire Department Overview

Baltimore County Demographics



- Population: 817,455
- Median household income: \$65,411
- 612 square miles of land area (plus an additional 28 square miles of water with over 200 miles of shoreline), with at least 29 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 2012 operating budget: \$94.6 million
- 1,051 sworn employees; 36 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 East Joppa Road, Towson
 - » Fire-Rescue Academy, 1545 Sparrows Point Boulevard, Sparrows Point
 - » 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 Medics	31	20
Basic Life Support Medic	0	2
Squad / Rescue	0	9
Flood Light Units	0	3
Hazardous Materials Units	3	0
Swift Water Units	1	2
Dive Team	0	1
Marine Rescue Boats	1	7
Mobile Command Posts	1	0
Urban Search and Rescue	1	0
Large Capacity Tankers	0	3
Engines / Large Capacity Tankers	0	2
Brush Units	24	23
Utility Units	1	34
Air Units	2	1
Foam Unit	1	0
Rehabilitation Unit	0	3
Bus	1	2

Baltimore County medic units lined up outside GBMC.



Organization and Personnel

- 1 Chief of the Department
 - » John J. Hohman, serving his twelfth year as Chief
- 2 Assistant Chiefs
 - » Mark Hubbard (Operations, B and C shifts/Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
 - » Kyrle Preis III (Operations, A and D shifts)
- 4 Division Chiefs
 - » Michael Robinson, A shift
 - » Jonathan Kuruc, B shift
 - » Stephen Miller, C shift
 - » Mark Ewers, D shift
- 8 Battalion Chiefs
 - » A shift: Jennifer Utz, Division 2; Thomas Kimbel, Division 3
 - » B shift: Peter Hill, Division 2; Kenneth Hughes, Division 3
 - » C shift: Joseph Brown Jr., Division 2; Paul Lurz, Division 3
 - » D shift: Francis DiPaula Jr., Division 2; Wayne Tome Sr., Division 3
- 3 Fire Directors
 - » Patrick Murphy, Fire-Rescue Academy
 - » Charles Rogers, Safety/Research and Development
 - » Christian Griffin, EMS Staffing
- Other sworn positions, include
 - » 99 Fire Captains
 - » 4 EMS Captains
 - » 118 Fire Lieutenants
 - » 30 EMS Lieutenants
 - » 166 Fire Apparatus Driver Operators (FADO)
 - » 153 Fire Specialists
 - » 42 Firefighters/EMTs
 - » 61 Paramedics
 - » 99 Paramedics/FFs
 - » 103 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Probationary EMTs
 - » 142 EMTs/FFs
 - » 36 Civilians



**Assistant Chief Mark Hubbard,
Chief John Hohman,
Chief of Staff Jennifer Werry Stewart,
Assistant Chief Kyrle Preis III**

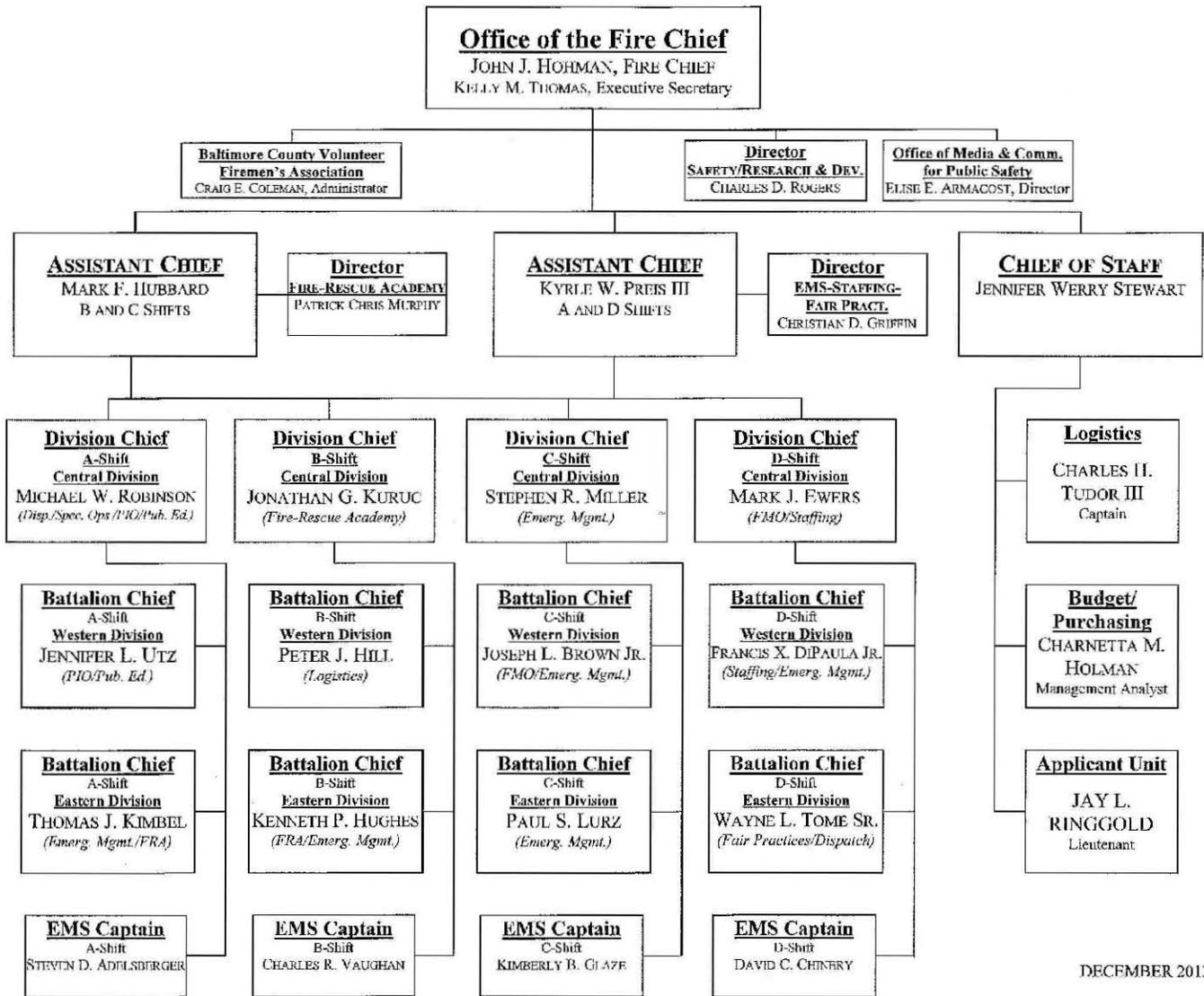
Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association (BCVFA)

- 35 companies
- Approximately 3,000 members with 2,000 active Emergency Responders
- Received \$6.73 million in county aid for fiscal year 2013. 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 emergency medical services.
- Chuck Bollinger, BCVFA President (Hereford Volunteer Fire Company)



Chief John Hohman, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and BCVFA President Chuck Bollinger celebrating the County's contribution to the volunteer fire service.

Organizational Chart



DECEMBER 2012

Station Roster

On December 31, 2012, the Fire Department station rosters were as follows:

Division 1

Station 1 — Towson

A Shift

Captain Robert Seigle
Lieutenant Joseph Devito
FADO Alexander Scott
FADO Jennifer Lemmon
FADO Timothy Mooney
FS Robert Biggs Jr.
FS Bruce Schwarz
PFF Stephen Sharp
PM Gregory Gatto
EMT/FF Nicholas Saylor
PEMT Christopher Ray

B Shift

Captain Paul Backhaus
Lieutenant Timothy Bankard
FADO Donald Nash
FADO Jerome Gilmore Jr.
FADO Thomas Ruhl
FS Michael Roberts
FS Manuel Ortez
FF/EMT Karen Zeiler
PM Matthew Hipley
EMT/FF Moe Aung
EMT/FF Shawn Magaro
EMT/FF Joshua Young
EMT/FF Larry Roos Jr.

C Shift

Captain Ronald Halley
Lieutenant Michael Curtis
FADO Anthony Espinosa
FADO Michael Huber
FADO Charles Ray III
FS Caroline Pace
FS James Handy
PM/FF Jose Rodriguez Sr.
FF/EMT James Shelton
EMT/FF Ryan Bender
EMT Tasha Williams

D Shift

Captain Kenneth Wirtz
Lieutenant Michael Miller
FADO Richard Snyder
FADO Michael Barshinger
FADO Robert Tracey
FS Charles Badders
PFF Robert Moore
PM Jennifer Armetta
EMT/FF Cherish Ross
EMT/FF Erin Hazel
EMT William Steward

E Shift

FADO Joseph Wiggins
FS Irvin Lewis
PM/FF Seantaye Thomas
EMT/FF Sean Fields
EMT Amahl Foster

Station 8 — Fullerton

A Shift

Captain James Berkeridge
Lieutenant Timothy Wilson
FADO Ernest Feist III
FADO Michael O'Rourke
FADO Steven Redmer
FS Carl Rausch
FS Leroy Edmunds III
PM/FF Craig Hutton
PM Matthew Beeker
EMT/FF Matthew Malczewski
EMT/FF Jean Glass
EMT/FF William Zoltowski
EMS Lieutenant Robert Holmes

B Shift

Captain Roland Dembeck
Lieutenant David Dryden
FADO Michael Amole
FADO Kevin Ford
FADO Rodney Womack
FS William Lutostanski Jr.
FS Albert Miller Jr.
PM/FF James Badders
PM/FF Robert Patrylak
EMT/FF Jessica Greaver
EMT/FF Brian Palmer
EMT Michelle Grubb
EMS Lieutenant John Amrhein

C Shift

Captain Thomas Ramey
Lieutenant Scott Ebbert
FADO Matthew Lancaster
FADO Matthew Fox
FADO Charles Riddle
FS Thomas Kimbel
FS Daniel Kile
PFF Keith Starr
PM Atiya Wilson
EMT/FF David Oliphant
EMT/FF Phillip Tran
PEMT Michael Bruzdinski Jr.
EMS Lieutenant Tasha Kearney

D Shift

Captain David Harrell Jr.
Lieutenant Kevin Gibney
FADO Ronald Cassett Jr.
FADO Stephen Thompson
FADO Jeffrey Chilcoat Sr.
FS Stephen Stelmack
FS Burton Smith
PM/FF Michael Hoffman
EMT/FF Jerry Ertwine
EMT/FF Daniel Preis
EMT/FF Julius DeManss II
EMT Jennifer Johnson
EMS Lieutenant Thomas Becker

Station 10 — Parkville

A Shift

Captain Steven Biddison
FADO John Moeller
FS Nathaniel Wells
FF/EMT Craig Clinton
PM John Dawson
EMT/FF Nakoya Kabia

B Shift

Captain Gregg Kearney
Lieutenant Donald Friedel
FADO Wayne Hackley
FS Lawrence Merrifield Jr.
PM Tanika White
EMT/FF Zachary Belcher
EMT/FF Andrew Laird
EMT Candy Reinhardt

C Shift

Captain Timothy Berkeridge
FADO James Westervelt Jr.
FS Timothy DeCoursey
FF/EMT Patrick Zoltowski
PM Christine Stroh
PM/FF Houston Reynolds

D Shift

Captain Shelton Parker
Lieutenant Marcus Johnson
FADO Gregory Stolins
FS Michael Rupp
PM Bethany Jones
EMT/FF Nicholas Tyson
EMT Tonya Freund

E Shift

EMT Rachael Heyer
EMT Yuana Forte

Station 11 — Hillendale

A Shift

Captain Calvin Bell
Lieutenant John Crooks
FADO Walter Brewer III
FS Richard Szukiewicz
FS Glen Real
PM Jaime Wooden
EMT Rachelle Alexander
PFF Kellie Cooke
EMS Captain Steven Adelsberger

B Shift

Captain David Miller
Lieutenant Stephen Sindler
FADO Michael Fox
FS Eric Wentworth
PM Robert Freund
EMT/FF Robert Klein
EMS Captain Charles Vaughan

C Shift

Captain George Knopp
Lieutenant Kurt Holloway
FADO David Crumbie
FS John Dukes Jr.
PM Pamela Westfall
EMT/FF Nathaniel Lewis
EMT/FF Brandon Sussan
EMS Captain Kimberly Glaze

D Shift

Captain Robert Turner Jr.
Lieutenant Frederick Koch III
FADO David Potts
FS Robert Decker
PM James Perra
EMT/FF Garth Dales
EMT/FF Stephen Pearce
EMS Captain David Chinery

Station 14 — Brooklandville

A Shift

Captain Scott Russell
Lieutenant Phillip Hebert
FADO William Knight
FADO Robert Serio
FS Richard Holden
PM/FF Brian Hollenbach
EMT/FF Dennis Long
EMT/FF Pernell Hammond

B Shift

Captain William Stump
Lieutenant Scott Knatz
FADO Shannon Stallings
FADO Randy Umbrell
FS Benjamin Bosley
PFF Daniel Warchol
PM/FF Timothy Bare
EMT/FF John Krause II

C Shift

Captain Francis O'Connor Jr.
Lieutenant David Snyder
FADO Morgan Lambert
FADO Steven Barry
FS Gary Bull
PFF Stephen Mueller
PM Melissa Spittel
EMT Julie Kelley

D Shift

Captain Lawrence Majchrzak
Lieutenant Stephan Steinberg
FADO Christina Hull
FADO Gregory Grove
FS Kevin Endres
PM/FF Linda Sears
EMT Gary Lay

Station 17 — Texas

A Shift

Captain Brian Zimmerman
Lieutenant Paul Cusic
FADO Steven Yealdhall
FADO Kevin Snyder
FS Christopher Hale
FS Charles Ritzmann Jr.
EMT/FF Brandon Watkins
FF/EMT David Spitz
EMT Tyree Brown Jr.
EMT/FF Nicholas Gamble
DC Michael Robinson
EMS Lieutenant Mark Wiley

B Shift

Captain Buddy Meadows
Lieutenant Kelvin Seigle
Lieutenant Byron Welker
FADO David Buckingham
FADO Jan Shenberger
FS Donald Pruitt
FS Christopher Santoro
PFF Brian Fraley
PM/FF Joanne Boyd
PM/FF Daniel Finke
EMT/FF David Blenman
EMT/FF Christopher Niner
EMT/FF Jason Porrovicchio
DC Jonathan Kuruc
EMS Lieutenant Charles Leonard

C Shift

Captain Robert Hughes
Lieutenant Michael Berna
Lieutenant Kevin Nace
FADO Scott Dundas
FADO Kevin Banister
FS George Drees
FS Ethan Johnson
FF/EMT Michael Szczesniakowski
PM/FF Sarah Rose
PM Amanda Prosser
EMT/FF Charles Watson
EMT/FF Sylvia Murray
DC Stephen Miller
EMS Lieutenant Amy Backhaus

D Shift

Captain Mark Eagle
Lieutenant Gary Wheeler
Lieutenant Andrew Essel Jr.
FADO David Hundertmark
FADO Christopher Wilhelm
FS Joseph Holland
FS James Partridge
PFF Darryl McCray
PM Christopher Strippel
EMT/FF Shawn Drees
EMT/FF Jason Sparks
EMT/FF John Dentler
DC Mark Ewers
EMS Lieutenant Michael Hays

E Shift

PM/FF David Gouak Jr.
EMT/FF Lorryn Clayton

Station 55 — Perry Hall

A Shift

Captain Terry Berkeridge
Lieutenant Meril Lee
FADO Christopher Lang
FS Timothy Batt
PM David Harryman Jr.
EMT/FF John Cooke
EMT Jesse Spruell

B Shift

Captain Frederick Trentzsch
Lieutenant Bryan Hardesty
FADO Dale Winter
FS Albert Brown
PM Ryan Patterson

C Shift

Captain James Edwards
Lieutenant Gregory Amoriello
FADO Hobart Howell Jr.
FS Cheryl Noetzel
EMT/FF Lacey Marino
PFF Randy Piper
PM/FF James Cassidy Jr.

D Shift

Captain Paul Schlossnagle
FADO Michael Mather
FS Jason Freund
PM/FF Kimberly Roland
EMT/FF Andrew Bittner
EMT Nicole Tucker

Station 60 — Parkton

A Shift

Captain Gilbert Fowble
Lieutenant George Welkie Jr.
FADO Nelson Weigandt
FS Wayne Shaw
PM/FF Jennifer Nilsen
EMT Charles Blum

B Shift

Captain Joseph Ryan
Lieutenant Dale Richardson
FADO Daniel Bollinger
FS Donald Adams Jr.
PM/FF Bridget Poole

C Shift

Captain Richard Lannen
Lieutenant Larry Ledford
FADO William Haymaker
FS David Badders
PM/FF Stanley Hunkovic Jr.
PM/FF Samuel Sauers
EMT Robert Shiflett

D Shift

Captain Michael Chamberlain
Lieutenant Todd Langeheine
FADO Gary Rickrode
FS Jeffery Asper
PM/FF Jeanne Scheide
EMT/FF Margaret Smink

Division 2

Station 2 — Pikesville

A Shift

Captain William Gardner Jr.
Lieutenant Edmund Schwartz Jr.
FADO Thomas Schwartz Jr.
FS Shelley Burnett
PM Teresa Sindler
EMT/FF Jermaine McCullough

B Shift

Captain Daniel Plunkert
Lieutenant Louis Roody
FADO Jay Miller
FS Ronald Mintz
EMT/FF Scott Wittbecker
EMT Emily Ivy

C Shift

Captain William Allenbaugh Jr.
Lieutenant Michelle Stevens
FADO Kevin Cook
PM/FF Jesse Greer
PM Laura Witt
EMT/FF Andrew Capone

D Shift

Captain Todd Gibney
Lieutenant Richard Baublitz
FADO Robert Fogle III
FS Joseph Spangler Jr.
PM Kristie Brinkley
EMT/FF Justin Hadel
EMT Angel Torain

Station 3 — Woodlawn

A Shift

Captain Mark Goodwin
Lieutenant Duane Ludwig
FADO Charles Nickoles Jr.
FS Stacey Curtis
PM Nicole Dunlap
EMT Jennifer Bitzel-McDevitt
EMT/FF Nicholas Hornberger
EMS Lieutenant Jeanette Barshinger

B Shift

Captain Tyrone Cooke
Lieutenant Ronald Poole Jr.
FADO Wayne Redding
FS Travis Francis
PM Shakia Tolson
EMT/FF Jason Yates
EMT Richard Allen Jr.
EMS Lieutenant John Swann III

C Shift

Captain William Reinecke III
Lieutenant Randy Parrish
FADO Charles Davidson
FS Joshua Levin
PM Angela Taury
EMT Leslie Abendschoen
EMS Lieutenant Barbara Greenfeld

D Shift

Captain Ronald Evans Jr.
Lieutenant Lindsay Torbeck
FADO Paul Faulkner
FS Daniel Routson
FF/EMT William Wiley III
PM Steven Skiff
EMT Gabrielle Green
EMS Lieutenant Danielle Knatz

Station 4 — Catonsville

A Shift

Captain John Schultz
Lieutenant Michael Lawrence
FADO Dianne Griffith
FADO Charles Evans
FS Glen Peacock
FF/EMT Darnell Harrison
PM Nicola Maguire
EMT Michael Rill
EMT/FF Travis Swonger

B Shift

Captain Michael Gardner
Lieutenant Russell Pryor III
FADO Eric Needle
FADO Edward Arnold
FADO Barry Thayer
FS Michael Eagle
FF/EMT Gregory Cook
PM/FF Tiffany Queen
EMT/FF Schannel Carr
EMT Traci Cheek

C Shift

Captain Daniel Brinkley
Lieutenant Eddie Dezurn Jr.
Lieutenant Charles Millender III
FADO Louis Dixon Jr.
FADO John Kohl Sr.
FS Twana Allen
FS Aaron Tapp
FF/EMT Anthony Demory
FF/EMT Lamont Garris
PM/FF William Kyle Jr.
EMT/FF Teisha Jackson
EMT/FF Kelly Hardy

D Shift

Captain Timothy Lowman
Lieutenant Alfonso Hernandez
FADO David Hohenberger
FADO David Mitchell
FS Michael Joyce
FF/EMT George Brooks
PFF Paul Melvin
PM Sandra Stevens
EMT/FF Adam Wright
EMT/FF Anna Greenwalt

Station 5 — Halethorpe

A Shift

Captain Gregory Bean
Lieutenant Raymond Gill
Lieutenant John Bennett
FADO Christopher Andrews
FADO Daniel Coolahan
FADO Steven Mooney
FS Katherine Coleman
FS John Schreiber Jr.
PFF Matthew Dize
PM Victoria Coyle
EMT/FF Darnell Roberts
EMT Jason Correa
EMT/FF Jessica Brown
EMT/FF Daniel Phillips
EMS Lieutenant Mary Anuszewski

B Shift

Captain Edward Sipes
Lieutenant Christopher Herman
Lieutenant Jose Rodriguez Jr.
FADO Christopher Davis Sr.
FADO Jeffrey Hale
FS Leslie O'Neal
PFF Michael Cover
PM Susan Arnett
EMT Cynthia Bury
EMT/FF John Simone
EMT/FF Tracey Henry
EMS Lieutenant Andrew Magness

C Shift

Captain Bryan Farley
Lieutenant Angela Hughes
Lieutenant William Brehm
FADO Mark Topper
FADO Wayne Simmons Jr.
FADO Jeffrey Utzinger
FS Lindsay-Ann Opitz
FS Richard Williams
PM/FF Michael Quinlan
EMT/FF Richard Swinder
EMT/FF Carolyn Cromartie
EMT/FF Quan Griffin
EMT/FF Katie Meyers
EMT/FF Norman Simpkins Jr.
EMS Lieutenant Michael Fold

D Shift

Captain Dean Smith
Lieutenant Brian Ludwig
Lieutenant Mark Stone
FADO John Williamson
FADO Kenneth Blades
FADO James Zinkand Jr.
FS Steven Small
FS Paul Trovinger
PFF David Hepner
PM/FF Tina Kruger
EMT Andrea Dalton
EMT/FF Marcus Perry
EMS Lieutenant Bianca Thompson

Station 13 — Westview

A Shift

Captain Louis Wingo Jr.
Lieutenant Robert Kemp
Lieutenant Richard Green Jr.
FADO Curtis Brothers
FADO Paul Fenush
FADO Gregory Murawski
FS Todd Youngblood
FS Gregory Cleveland
PFF Sean Borgmann
PM Glennell Leonard
PM Charles Robinson III
EMT Jessica Hayes
EMT/FF Kevin Bollinger
EMT/FF Matthew Hoffman
EMT/FF Joseph Saunders
BC Jennifer Utz

B Shift

Captain Robert Grimes
Lieutenant John Sibiga Jr.
Lieutenant James Hammond
FADO Kenneth McLaughlin Jr.
FADO Ira Lapps Jr.
FADO William White III
FS Benjamin Ranneberger
FS Brandon Warren
PM/FF Krystal Fabian
EMT/FF Duran Banks
EMT Robert Streett III
EMT/FF Joseph Fiedler III
EMT/FF Amy Harris
EMT/FF Anna Pelevina
BC Peter Hill

C Shift

Captain Thomas Rouillard
Lieutenant Joseph Woynovitz Jr.
FADO Joseph Carter Jr.
FADO Jason Cromer
FADO Duburne Reid
FS Jason Baldwin
FS Richard Brooks IV
PFF Kirsten Koenig
PM/FF Melissa Simpkins
EMT/FF Mark Stavely
BC Joseph Brown Jr.

D Shift

Captain Todd Marino
 Lieutenant Thomas Flater III
 Lieutenant Jerry Weckesser
 FADO Robert Sterner
 FADO Paul Rosensteel
 FADO Paul Thayer
 FS Michael Dennis
 FS Ronald Blizzard Jr.
 PM/FF William Fitzpatrick
 EMT/FF Nina Nozka
 EMT/FF Mark Badger
 EMT/FF Michael Murphy
 BC Francis DiPaula Jr.

E Shift

PM/FF Diana Petrusik
 EMT/FF Cynthia Pegues

Station 18 — Randallstown**A Shift**

Captain Marc Kemmer
 FADO William Meyers Sr.
 FADO Keith Klunk
 FADO Jeffrey Bangerd
 FS Philip Stuart
 FS Scott Wagner
 PFF Darryl Brown Jr.
 PM/FF Todd Smith
 PM Sheila Redding
 EMT/FF Evan Dayhoff
 EMT/FF Patrick O'Doherty
 EMT Charnell Holloway

B Shift

Captain John Hoffman Jr.
 Lieutenant William Fisher Jr.
 FADO James Carter
 FADO Troy Hipsley
 FADO Richard Yingling Jr.
 FS Jeffrey Lowe
 FS Mark Trump
 FF/EMT Joseph Zeiler III
 FF/EMT James Ford
 PM Chaunce King
 PM/FF Rebecca Twigg
 EMT/FF Jason Terry
 EMT/FF Kevin Cunningham

C Shift

Captain Theodore Priester
 Lieutenant Craig Austin
 FADO John Quirk
 FADO Robert Lim
 FADO Donald Spangler
 FS Ezra Burks
 FS Jeffrey Geho
 FF/EMT Dennis DeGross
 PM/FF Glen Harris
 EMT/FF Edward O'Connor Jr.
 EMT/FF Edmund Saunders
 EMT Shanelle Harrington

D Shift

Captain Franklin Penn Jr.
 Lieutenant Gregg Deitz
 FADO Thomas Nickoles
 FADO Michael Stewart
 FADO Robert Murray Jr.
 FS Thomas Curtis
 FS Matthew Devers
 PM/FF Ebony Hilton
 PM Latina Dorsey
 EMT/FF Jere Christian
 EMT/FF James Fulton Jr.
 EMT/FF Michael Walters
 EMT/FF Scott Wayne

E Shift

EMT Thomasina Calhoun
 EMT Kathleen Duncan

Station 19 — Garrison

A Shift

Captain Phillip Stevens
Lieutenant Paul Chenoweth
FADO Juan Paige
FS Kevin Jones
PFF Franklin Penn III
PM William Danner
EMT/FF Keith Blackmon
EMS Lieutenant Henry Chinery III

B Shift

Captain Jeffrey Kreimer
Lieutenant Kellie Roody
FADO Roy Leatherwood
FADO Michael Stone
FS James Colliflower
PM/FF Jason Russell
EMT Steven Pearsall
EMS Lieutenant Timothy Rostkowski

C Shift

Captain Jeffrey Snyder
Lieutenant Gerald Krause Jr.
FADO Lawrence Lamon
FS Wayne Wagner
PM/FF Nicole Nappi
EMT/FF Adrian Gladney
EMT Monica Simpkins
EMS Lieutenant William Ullrich

D Shift

Captain John Perry III
Lieutenant William Reter II
FADO Dennis Linker
PM Kyle Williams
EMT/FF Blake Curry
EMT Jennifer Hilliard
EMS Lieutenant David Snyder

Station 56 — Franklin

A Shift

Captain Marion Davidson Jr.
FADO Doreen Means
FS Scott Mitchell
FF/EMT Ronald Imbragulo
PM Shannon Allen
EMT/FF Kimberley Routson

B Shift

Captain Michael Robinette
Lieutenant Steven Miller
FADO Wayne Hipsley
FS Allen Dutterer Jr.
PM/FF Gary Rains
EMT/FF Jeffrey Coleman
EMT Terrilyn Brown

C Shift

Captain Albert Long
Lieutenant Ronald Bursey
FADO David Haines
FS Francis Ward III
PM/FF Cheryl Gereny
EMT/FF Karen Meyers
FF/EMT Ketti Dutterer

D Shift

Captain Evan Proffen
Lieutenant Vernon Noratel
FADO Scott Boose
FS Andrew Stroup
PM/FF Henry Meyers Jr.
EMT/FF Carl Gentile
EMT/FF Sherman Spruell

Division 3

Station 6 — Dundalk

A Shift

Captain John Meyers IV
FADO Thomas Fabrizio Jr.
FS Brian Smoot
PM Warren Bright
PM Kia Rolle
EMT/FF Melisa Mabry
EMT/FF Renee Smith
EMT/FF Christopher Mack

B Shift

Captain Gregory Wisniewski
Lieutenant Mark Milburne
FADO Dana Pack
FS Stacey Gail
PFF Benjamin Kimbel
PM Brandee Zoltowski
PM Kent Hewitt
EMT/FF Corey Morton Jr.
EMT Gina Tuttle

C Shift

Captain Joseph Griebel
FADO Brian Ellis
FS Ryan Downey
PM/FF Jamie LaRoque
PM/FF Stephanie Valencia
EMT/FF Richard Hays
EMT Douglas Sibiski
EMT Nicole McFadden

D Shift

Captain David Angelo
 Lieutenant Sandra Funk
 FADO Glen Freund
 FS Scott Jackson
 PM/FF Corinne McNutt
 PM Julie Bernard
 EMT/FF Bryan Schulz
 EMT/FF Carlos Washington Jr.
 EMT/FF Justin Bruzdinski

E Shift

FADO Samuel Bramwell
 FS Alan Moss

Station 7 — Essex**A Shift**

Captain Thomas Brown
 Lieutenant John Jessa
 FADO Dale Hess
 FADO David Hull
 FS Daniel Shumaker Jr.
 FS Steven Geller
 PFF Carlos Bailey
 PM/FF Patrick Henderson
 EMT/FF Salliann Muscella
 EMT Sarabeth Baglin

B Shift

Captain David Bycoffe
 Lieutenant Michael Drasal
 FADO Micheal Stuart Jr.
 FADO Cynthia Willett
 FS Russell English Jr.
 FS Jeffrey Riefner
 PM/FF Reynold Blubaugh III
 PM Courtney Berkeridge
 PM Melissa Schuler
 EMT/FF Paul Willhite III
 EMT/FF Adam Reiningger
 EMT/FF Marnon Bowles Jr.
 EMT/FF Bryan Compher

C Shift

Captain James Slezak
 Lieutenant Lloyd Beard
 FADO John Greaver
 FADO Donald Weis
 FS Darryl Malkus
 FS Michael Janney
 PFF Cody Robinson
 PM Luke Single
 PM/FF Maria Owens
 EMT/FF Stuart Counsellor

D Shift

Captain William Burkins
 FADO Louis Schaller
 FADO Gregory Lewis
 FS Edward Gail
 FS Joseph Gutkoska
 FF/EMT Samuel Valencia
 PM/FF Kathleen Schaeffer
 EMT/FF Joseph Funk Jr.
 EMT/FF Gregory Watson
 EMT/FF John McMahon

E Shift

PM/FF Veronica Paugh
 EMT Lisha Hogan
 EMT/FF April Owens

Station 9 — Edgemere**A Shift**

Captain Lonnie Ledford
 Lieutenant Christian Weir Jr.
 FADO Scott Nicely
 FS Steven Piker
 FF/EMT Ronald Nixon
 PM/FF Terri Reid
 EMT William Barquin

B Shift

Captain Jeffrey Bowen
 Lieutenant Keith Kuhn
 FADO David Johnston
 FS David Paugh
 PM/FF Terri Hill
 EMT Kenneth Burns

C Shift

Captain Jason Hahn
 Lieutenant Robert Van Vugt
 FADO Michael Frank
 FS Brandon Lookingland
 PM/FF Donald Pickle Sr.
 EMT/FF Edward Campitelli

D Shift

Captain Steven Brown
Lieutenant Michael Scott
FADO Robert Chaney
FS Andre Seabrook
FF/EMT Andrew West Jr.
PM Tammy Lamb
EMT/FF Deborah Thompson

Station 12 — Middle River

A Shift

Captain Francis Harker Jr.
Lieutenant Dawn Miller
FADO Allen Dufour Jr.
PFF Katarion Jackson
PM/FF John Perry
EMS Lieutenant John Cromwell Jr.

B Shift

Captain Robert Binkley
Lieutenant Christopher Rossi
FADO Brian Yingling
FS Steven Czawlytko
PM/FF Kevin Palmer
EMT/FF Eric Hartman
EMT Cassandra Petralia

C Shift

Captain Shawn Auld
Lieutenant Daniel Jarkiewicz
FADO Michael Weil
FS Aaron Carter
PFF Brian Roberts
PFF Corey Watkins
PM/FF Amanda Drasal
EMS Lieutenant Tracey Marvel

D Shift

Captain Eric Endryas
Lieutenant Eric Cole
FADO Charles McJilton
FS Erik Reinhardt
PM/FF Kevin George
PM/FF Janice Adelhardt
PM Thomas Stevenson Jr.
EMT/FF Jacob Stuart
EMT Kevin Miller
EMS Lieutenant Jeffrey Willats

Station 15 — Eastview

A Shift

Captain Colin Stem
Lieutenant David Cox
Lieutenant Daniel Kluge
FADO Matthew Pace
FADO Shawn Sebo
FADO Randy Nelson
FS Damone Hazelton
FS William Johns Jr.
PM Katie Zingarelli
EMT/FF Jeremiah Cole
EMT Jason Barnstein
EMS Lieutenant Jennifer Martucci

B Shift

Captain Bryan Smith
Lieutenant Jeffrey Akers
FADO Brian Griffin
FADO Howard Simons
FADO Alvin Stewart Sr.
FS Robert Diegel
FS Brent Williams
FF/EMT John Kelly
PM/FF Kimberly Bobo
EMT/FF Joseph Kelly III
EMT/FF Patrick Crouse II
EMT/FF Henry Lasek
EMS Lieutenant Robert Paugh

C Shift

Captain James Radomsky
Lieutenant David Westbrook
FADO Brandon James
FADO Drew Tuttle
FS Lloyd Jenkins II
FS Benjamin Schuler
PM Shari Peterson
EMT/FF Jerry Miller
EMT/FF Steven Lee
EMT Tonya Scott
EMT/FF Matthew Schultz
EMS Lieutenant Christopher Hoffman

D Shift

Captain Donald McKeldin
Lieutenant Matthew Hill
Lieutenant Noble Hinckle
FADO John Ritz
FADO Gregory Johnston
FADO James Tillis Jr.
FS Ronald Schreiber
FS Kenneth Chu
PM Christina Ruberti
EMT/FF Scott Arndt
EMT/FF Shane Hubbe
EMT/FF Zachary Johns
EMS Lieutenant Leonard Stewart

Station 16 — Golden Ring

A Shift

Captain Timothy Hamlett
Lieutenant Craig Bidinger
FADO James Weis
PM/FF Nina McLucas
PM Carlos Velez
EMT/FF John Manlove
EMT Kevin Nixon
BC Thomas Kimbel

B Shift

Captain Frederick Rafferty Jr.
Lieutenant Timothy Hannan
FADO David Oliver
FS Adam Lublinsky
EMT/FF Timothy Pace
EMT Shana Groom
PM/FF Richard Dunham
BC Kenneth Hughes

C Shift

Captain Michael Acosta
Lieutenant Brian Stark
FADO David Weis III
FS Kimberly Myers
PM Sophia Frank
EMT/FF Chad Barben
BC Paul Lurz

D Shift

Captain Blaine Kurrle
Lieutenant Eric Stacharowski
FADO Philip Tirabassi
FS Terry Curlee
PFF David Sutherland
PM Christine Ferenc
EMT/FF Charles Shivery
BC Wayne Tome Sr.

Station 54 — Chase

A Shift

Captain Paul Eurice
Lieutenant Ronald Mastin Jr.
FADO Kevin Nagy
FS Mark Leidner
PM/FF Stanley Bensley
EMT/FF Curtis Wiggins Jr.

B Shift

Captain Michael Torbit
Lieutenant Michael Ruppert
FADO John Heinz
PM/FF Scott Davidson
EMT/FF Vonzell Groom
EMT/FF Micheal Stuart III

C Shift

Captain Kenneth Thomas
Lieutenant Vernon Adamson
FADO Edward Dailey
FS Kathy Boblits
PM Angie Sullivan
EMT/FF John Cannon Jr.
EMT/FF James Shores

D Shift

Captain Jerome Rosenberger
Lieutenant Frank Hudnet
FADO Aloysius Connor
FS John Schreiber Sr.
PM Michael Bell
EMT/FF Michael Griffiths
EMT/FF Sherri Voyzey

Station 57— Sparrows Point

A Shift

Captain Kevin Duell

B Shift

Captain Brian Rayner
FADO Edward Rachinskas
FS Shane Davies
EMT/FF Clayton Iler

C Shift

Captain Robert Weis
FADO Gary Purkey
FF/EMT Craig Johnson

D Shift

Captain Thomas Schaech
FADO Gary Burton
FS Todd Aupperley
FF/EMT Frank Pollock Sr.

Station 58 — Back River Neck

A Shift

PM Tahra Barber
EMT Laurie Kutrick

B Shift

PM/FF Michele Polich
EMT/FF Cherita Myers

C Shift

PM Delores Pickle
EMT Dora Harlee

D Shift

PM Kelly Metz
EMT Amy Bittner

Run Totals

Baltimore County Fire and EMS crews responded to more than 123,666 incidents in 2012.

- 89,849 EMS incidents
- 2,272 fire incidents, including 640 structure fires
- Dundalk Station #6 was the busiest station: 9,521 runs.
- Medic 1 (Towson), the busiest medic unit, ran 3,918 calls.
- Woodlawn's Engine 3 was the busiest engine company: 2,813 runs.
- Truck 13 (Westview) was the busiest ladder company, with 1,428 runs.
- Squad 322 from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company was the busiest squad, with 429 runs.
- Vehicle accidents without extrication: 6,411
- Vehicle extrications: 110
- Other rescues: 214
- Hazardous materials: 5,136
- False alarms/good intent: 12,450



On March 15, 2012, firefighters battled an unusual fire involving bales of hay that caught fire on the Baltimore Beltway.



A Lutherville VFC member was injured in this March 6 crash on Cromwell Bridge Road.

Divisions

Fire Communications

Division Chief Michael Robinson
Lt. John Milby

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- With the retirement of Fire Director Richard Petry, Lt. John Milby took command of Fire Communications (January 2012).
- Dispatched 119,847 calls for service, of which 95,945 were EMS related.
- In February 2012, began operations in new, \$76 million 911 Center.
- Completed major reprogramming of radio system and shutting down the old analog system.
- Began sending Computer Aided Dispatch messages to volunteer members via cell phone.
- Converted volunteer fire stations to a new Internet-based protocol fire station alerting system so that career and volunteer alerting operates under a single system.
- Fully implemented P25 (2) zone digital radio system.
- Continued implementation of Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocols.
- Handled two significant storms: The derecho (June 29) and Superstorm Sandy (October 29). During the derecho, 911 Center call takers received and processed more than 1,000 calls in two hours.

Fire Marshal's Office

Captain Bruce Schultz

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Captain Richard Green and Lieutenant Pat Taylor retired.
- Captain Bruce Schultz took command of the Fire Marshal's Office in May 2012.
- Handled over 20,000 inspections.
- A representative was sent to Annapolis during the legislative session to obtain information on upcoming bills affecting the Fire Service.
- Revised the 2013 Fire Code.

Tactical Rescue/Hazardous Materials

Division Chief Michael Robinson
Hazmat #1 Captain Scott Russell, 14-A

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Command of the Hazmat Unit shifted from Battalion Chief Ken Hughes to Captain Russell in December 2012.
- Executed a 100-hour Hazmat Technician Course, training 26 new Hazmat technicians.
- Conducted Hazmat Operations refresher relevant to current threats posed to first responders including chemical suicides and homemade explosives.
- Continued development of a partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department Bomb Squad.
- Working with the Bomb Squad, continued research and development of metering technology combined with bomb robots to create a “first in,” rapid deployable recon robot for terrorist incidents and deadly chemical releases. Created a mechanism allowing data collected from meters to stream information wirelessly and in real time to the command post during initial reconnaissance. This reduces the risk to personnel and is 10 times faster than deploying a technician in a Level “A” suit.
- Began a 3-year meter transformation program. By fall of 2015, the Baltimore County Fire Department’s atmospheric metering technology will be updated with the newest sensors and technology.
- Continued the Hazmat Core Competencies Program, enabling new volunteer members (Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen’s Association) to participate in hazmat responses. Since the program began in 2011, Hazmat has trained 379 volunteers. In 2013, the Baltimore County Fire Department expects to train 300 volunteers and to integrate BCVFA instructors into the instructor cadre. The goal is for BCVFA to take responsibility for this program, with Hazmat #1 overseeing the program.
- Began training Hazmat personnel on Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and other homemade explosives. This training will continue in 2013.

Tactical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)

Division Chief Michael Robinson
ATR #1 Captain Charles Tudor
ATR #1 Captain Brian Zimmerman

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Accepted a donation of an inflatable rapid deployment boat from an anonymous citizen.
- Added Holmatro hydraulic rescue tools, including spreaders, wedges, cutters and jacks, to the USAR unit.
- Responded to 31 USAR incidents including swiftwater calls, building collapses, confined space rescues, ice rescues and missing persons searches. A USAR member worked with Baltimore County Police aviation to perform a rescue of a victim at the Prettyboy Reservoir.
- Trained regional bomb squads in confined space emergencies.
- On November 1, Captain Tudor took over command of Logistics; Captain Zimmerman replaced him as head of Tactical Rescue/USAR.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

Division Chief Mark Ewers
Battalion Chief Paul Lurz

Significant accomplishments/changes:

June 29, 2012: Derecho

On Friday, June 29, HSEM oversaw the County's response to an unusual and historic storm – a derecho that raced eastward at nearly 60 mph from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic coast. These storms left behind a swath of destruction that killed a total of 20 people, caused millions in property damage, and caused massive power outages in major urban areas – including Baltimore County – along the storm's path.



The storm swept through our region at about 11 p.m. on June 29 following a day of extremely hot temperatures. The high at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport reached 103 degrees. The derecho brought winds of between 60 and 80 mph and brought down trees and power lines across the Baltimore-Washington region.

Power remained out for days after the storm, creating a severe heat emergency; temperatures reached triple digits every day but one from June 30 through July 8. Power outages for Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. customers peaked at 430,000 a few hours after the storm passed; more than 762,000 customers lost power during the nine days after the storm. Some residents were without power for as long as a week.

October 29, 2012: Superstorm Sandy

Hurricane Sandy, dubbed “Superstorm Sandy,” was a hurricane that made landfall along the New Jersey coast on October 29 as a Category 2 storm. Baltimore County HSEM fully activated its Emergency Operations Center to coordinate a local response to this event.

Though Sandy caused catastrophic damage in New Jersey and New York, Baltimore County and the rest of Maryland came through the storm with relatively little damage.



Fire-Rescue Academy

Director Patrick Murphy, July 2012

Director Charles Rogers (assigned as Safety Director, June 2012)

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- In July 2012, Patrick Murphy became the Director at the Fire-Rescue Academy. Chief Charles Rogers took over as Safety Director.
- On July 10 the Fire-Rescue Academy held a site visit for the Pro Board Committee on Accreditation (COA). Our facility was found to have a very progressive use of electronic storage of records and an electronic calendar system that serves our Academy in a very efficient and effective manner. It was also noted that our Academy has impressive facilities (props and equipment) which supports the level we have requested to deliver.
- The Fire-Rescue Academy purchased a new 8'x 20' storage container in November 2012. The storage container will be used to store ladders and excelsior.
- The Fire-Rescue Academy purchased a much needed new Phase 1 Flashover Simulator from Draeger Safety, Inc. in December 2012. Due to the amount of use, the old Flashover Simulator had become warped and was no longer useable.
- In December 2012, Captain Richard Schenning joined the Fire-Rescue Academy. Captain Schenning will oversee EMS operations at the Academy.
- The 100th Recruit Class graduated from the Academy at Loch Raven High School on April 4, 2012.

Emergency Medical Services

Battalion Chief Wayne Tome: January 1, 2012-May 18, 2012

Fire Director Christian D. Griffin: May 19, 2012-December 31, 2012

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Promotion of Christian D. Griffin to Fire Director on May 19, 2012
- Promotions: EMS Captain - Richard M. Schenning, Kimberly B. Glaze
- Promotions: EMS Lieutenant - Reynold A. Blubaugh, Christopher M. Hoffmann, Timothy B. Rostkowski, Jeanette M. Barshinger, Danielle M. Knatz, Jennifer A. Marutcci, Paul M. Massarelli, Bianca L. Thompson
- Purchase of 60 Lifepak 15 EKG/defibrillator monitors to increase the ability of paramedics to assess and treat more patients with complex issues. The LP15 has increased capabilities including: Biphasic Defibrillation Waveform, End-Tidal Carbon Dioxide measurement and Carbon Monoxide measurement. District officers have the ability to measure Methemoglobin in the bloodstream.
- Implementation of eMEDS electronic patient reporting system. eMEDS allows for instantaneous access to patient care reports by hospitals. This paperless system reduces the costs associated with printing, storage and retrieval.
- Began deploying Wi-Fi hotspots to each ambulance and supervisor unit. The hotspots enable units to transmit patient care reports for immediate retrieval by health care facilities. They can also be used to transmit EKG data and as data connections during mass casualty events.

Fire and EMS Events

January 6, 2012: Fire Act Grant

The Baltimore County Fire Department received nearly \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for state-of-the-art equipment that will help save the lives of victims of cardiac arrest.

The grant allows the purchase of 60 cardiac electrocardiogram (EKG) monitor/defibrillator/pacemakers – enough for every career and volunteer medic unit, as well as for every EMS district supervisor. The grant also includes \$90,000 for a new sprinkler system and a thermal imaging camera for the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppberger, County Executive Kamenetz and other elected and fire officials announced the grant at a press event at the Parkville Fire Station.

The federal money came to Baltimore County through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). Grants from this program are used to pay for training for firefighters, equipment, firefighting vehicles and public fire safety education.

Since 2001, Baltimore County's fire service has received more than \$9 million from AFGP.



EMS Captain Steve Adelsberger describes the new cardiac electrocardiogram monitor/defibrillator/pacemakers.



The stories of sudden cardiac arrest survivors are always a highlight of this event.

April 4, 2012: 100th Recruit Class Graduation, Loch Raven High School

The 100th Recruit Class graduated from the Fire-Rescue Academy on April 4, 2012. Ceremonies were held at Loch Raven High School for this class of Probationary Firefighters.

100th Recruit Class

Carlos Bailey
Sean Borgmann
Darryl Brown Jr.
Kellie Cooke
Anthony Cottle
Michael Cover
Matthew Dize
Brian Fraley
David Hepner

Katarion Jackson
Jeron Joseph
Bradford Kelly
Benjamin Kimbel
Kirsten Koenig
Paul Melvin
Robert Moore
Stephen Mueller
Franklin Penn III

Randy Piper
Brian Roberts
Cody Robinson
Stephen Sharp
Keith Starr
David Sutherland
Daniel Warchol
Corey Watkins



The 100th Recruit Class, with Chief Hohman.



The 100th, with Fire-Rescue Academy staff.

Annual Memorial Services

May 20, 2012: Firefighters' Ceremony of Remembrance

The Baltimore County Fire Service's annual Ceremony of Remembrance, which honors those members who have lost their lives in the line of duty, was held at the Fire Service Memorial Shrine in Patriot Plaza in Towson on May 20.

During the ceremony, Fire Chief John Hohman and other career and volunteer fire service leaders honored the fallen by placing a wreath on the memorial shrine.

The shrine was built entirely with funds raised by members of the Fire Service. It was sculpted in Portugal of Portuguese red granite, and consists of a Maltese cross, flanked by two columns. Inscribed on the monument are the names of the fallen and words of Saint John, 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



Baltimore County Fire Service Memorial Shrine

September 23, 2012: Fire Service Memorial Ceremony

A memorial service honoring 34 members of the Baltimore County Fire Service who died during the past year was held September 23 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.

June 1, 2012: CPR/AED Event, Parkville Station #10

Breanna Sudano, a 14-year-old field hockey player for Perry Hall High, had just scored the winning goal in OT when she collapsed on the field, a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

On June 1, 2012, Breanna – fully recovered – joined Baltimore County Fire, EMS and elected officials at the Parkville Fire Station to raise awareness of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and the importance of immediate use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation in giving victims a chance at survival.

Other survivors of cardiac arrest also attended and told their stories including a Baltimore County Health Department animal shelter employee, who was at work at the shelter when she suffered cardiac arrest; and Scott Miller, a Baltimore County police officer assigned to Precinct 1/ Wilkens.



Breanna Sudano, 14, with a shirt she designed to help raise awareness of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and the importance of immediate use of CPR and defibrillation.



Anne Thiessen, a Baltimore County Health Department animal shelter employee, who suffered sudden cardiac arrest at work and was saved by co-workers when they started CPR.

June 4, 2012: Emergency Notification Alerts System, Porter’s Seneca Marina, 918 Seneca Park Road

The Baltimore County’s Emergency Notification System (ENS) is a notification tool designed to enhance emergency preparedness and notify citizens and businesses in Baltimore County of emergency situations that may require time sensitive actions.

Emergency Management officials announced an expansion of this system – in place since 2007 – at a press event at Porter’s Seneca Marina, with the support of elected officials and local first responders.

This upgrade allows citizens who rely on cell phones to register to receive email notifications about emergency situations.



Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Mark Hubbard discusses emergency notification.



Baltimore County’s emergency preparedness team.

June 6, 2012: English Consul Volunteer Fire Department Station #37 Check Presentation

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Fire Chief John Hohman visited the English Consul Volunteer Fire Department on June 6 to present a check to pay off the company's debt for its new engine.

In 2006, English Consul VFD purchased a new Pierce engine to replace its old Engine 372. The company took out a loan to cover the cost, and had paid all but \$97,836.31 of the debt.



County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Fire Chief John Hohman present a check for \$97,836.31 to English Consul VFC.

The County decided to pay off this debt for English Consul by advancing ECVFD several years' worth of state "508" funds, distributed each year to local fire companies. This will save English Consul \$9,000 in interest and makes more state money available to other fire companies in the coming years.

Chief Hohman and County Executive Kamenetz tour English Consul VFC.



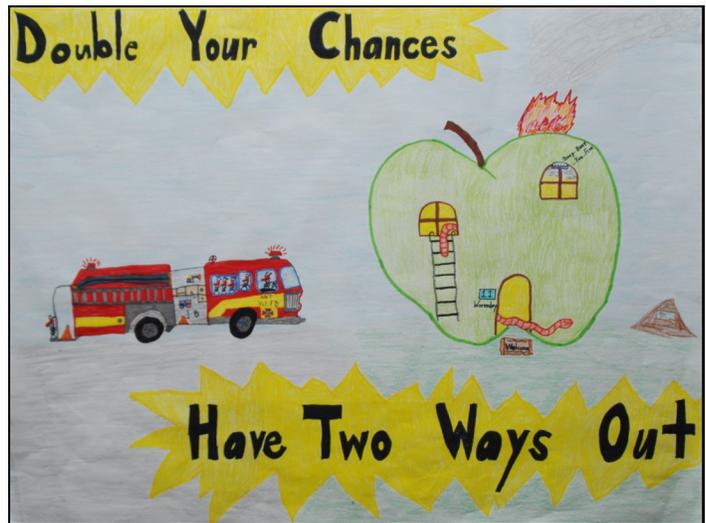
December 12, 2012: Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest Ceremony

The Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest Ceremony recognized public and private school third-graders who excelled at designing posters that focused on fire escape plans and illustrated the theme, "Have Two Ways Out."

The ceremony was held at Loch Raven High School.

Winners included:

- First-place: Alexandra Jankowski of Fullerton Elementary School won \$100, plus other prizes
- Second- and Third-place: John Durrett of Glyndon Elementary and Katie Zhu of Jacksonville Elementary received \$50 each
- Fourth- and Fifth-place: Brianna Coleman of Glenmar Elementary and Jane Walkinshaw of Cromwell Valley Elementary received \$35 each
- Honorable Mention: 37 winners received \$25 each



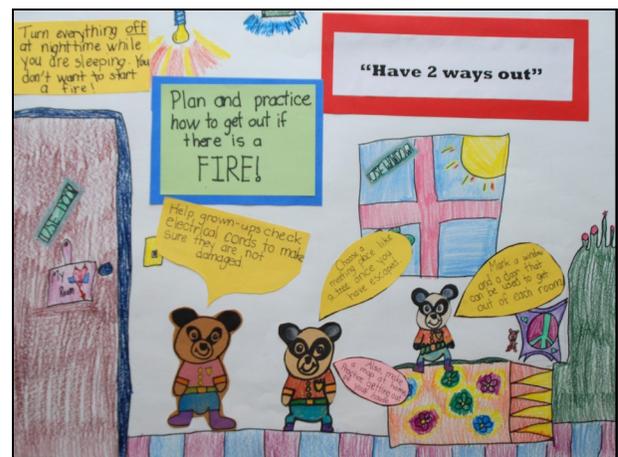
First Place: Alexandra Jankowski

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

Participants in this year's poster contest included 87 third grade students from 29 schools.



Second Place: John Durrett



Third Place: Katie Zhu

March 5, 2013: 2012 Promotional and Commendations Ceremony

The Fire Department recognized personnel who were promoted and who performed exceptionally in 2012 at its annual Promotional and Commendations Ceremony, held March 5, 2013 at Goucher College.

Promotions

Assistant Chief

Kyrle Preis III

Battalion Chief

Francis DiPaula Jr.
Kenneth Hughes
Thomas J. Kimbel
Jennifer Utz

Fire Director

Christian Griffin
Patrick Murphy

EMS Captain

Kimberly Glaze
Richard Schenning

Fire Captain

Paul Backhaus
Kevin Duell
James Edwards
Robert Grimes
Ronald Halley
Robert Hughes
Richard Lannen
Todd Marino
Buddy Meadows
John Meyers IV
Brian Rayner
Joseph Ryan
Jeffrey Snyder
William Stump
Robert Weis
Kenneth Wirtz Jr.

EMS Lieutenant

Reynold Blubaugh III
Christopher Hoffman
Timothy Rostkowski

Fire Lieutenant

Jeffrey Bangerd
Robert Biggs Jr.
John Crooks
Steven Czawlytko
Russell English Jr.
Paul Fenush
Michael Frank
Raymond Gill
Christopher Herman
Kurt Holloway
Frank Hudnet
Daniel Jarkiewicz
Gerald Krause Jr.
Keith Kuhn
Morgan Lambert
Brian Ludwig
Jay Miller
Eric Needle
Erik Reinhardt
Benjamin Schuler
Michael Scott
Stephan Steinberg

Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator

Samuel Bramwell
Ronald Cassett Jr.
Christopher Davis Sr.
Brian Ellis
Gregory Grove
David Hull
Christina Hull
David Hundertmark
Scott Nicely
Duburne Reid
Kevin Snyder
Shannon Stallings
Michael Stone
Richard Swinder
William White III
Joseph Wiggins
John Williamson

Fire Specialist

Todd Aupperley
Robert Decker
Robert Diegel
Ryan Downey
Kevin Endres
Jason Freund
Michael Janney
Michael Joyce
Daniel Kile
Thomas L. Kimbel
Adam Lublinsky
Lindsay-Ann Opitz
Manuel Ortez
Caroline Pace
Benjamin Ranneberger
Jeffrey Riefner
Andrew Stroup
Eric Wentworth
Brent Williams
Richard Williams
Todd Youngblood

Storekeeper II

Kenneth Wallace

Reclassified to Paramedic

Jennifer Armetta
Courtney Berkeridge
John Dawson
Jesse Greer
Ebony Hilton
Amanda Prosser
Tiffany Queen
Melissa Shrader
Christine Stroh
Angela Taury

Reclassified to Quartermaster

Paula Gibson

Reclassified to Personnel Assistant

Mary Shay-Conover

Reclassified to Office Assistant

Paula Laughter

Commendation Awards

FF Tony Cipriano
FADO Paul Fenush
FADO Matthew Pace
FF James Tulley
EMT/FF Todd Youngblood

EMS Captain Steven Adelsberger
Captain Thomas Barnes
PM Julie Bernard
Captain Steven Brown
FADO Robert Chaney
EMT Patricia Cornell-Nelson
FS Shane Davies
FADO Glen Freund
FS Edward Gail
EMT/FF Michael Griffiths
FS Damone Hazelton
FADO Wayne Hipsley
FS Scott Jackson
FF James Kiel
DC Jonathan Kuruc
FF John Manlove
FF/EMT Scott McNut
Chief Matthew Morgan
FF William Packo
Lieutenant Paul Piker
Fire Director Charles Rogers
FADO Louis Schaller
FS Andre Seabrook
FF Jake Stuart
FF Timothy Ullrich
FF Brett Walker
Captain Stephen Weatherby
EVD Michele Willoughby

Mr. Alberto Garcia
Mr. Javier Reyes

Mr. Phil Bednarik
Mr. Jordan Lee
Mr. Joseph Taylor

Mr. George Blevins
Mrs. Ruth Honnas
Mr. Christopher Tillery

Departmental Commendation

FS Allen Dutterer Jr.
Lieutenant Robert Kemp
Mr. Millard Pack
FF George Tyrell

Departmental Unit Citation

PM Jennifer Armetta
EMT Jason Barnstein
Lieutenant Craig Bidinger
EMT/FF Justin Bruzdziński
FS Kenneth Chu
PFF Stuart Counsellor
FF James Donovan Jr.
FF Dennis Fulton
PM Gregory Gatto
FF Richard Hays
Lieutenant Matthew Hill
Lieutenant Chris Hoffman
Lieutenant John Jessa
FF Lawson Kilburn
Retired BC Paul Leverton
EMT Nicole McFadden
FF/PM Corinne McNutt
FF Michael Murphy
FF Jeff Palmer
PM/FF Terri Reid
Lieutenant Ryan Santmyer
FS Ronald Schreiber
EMS Lieutenant Leonard Stewart
FF Jonathan Tarburton
PM Stephanie Valencia
Lieutenant Joseph Walters III
Lieutenant Christian Weir Jr.

Citizen's Commendation

Mr. Joseph King
Mr. Frank Rhodes

Citizen's Certificate of Merit

Mr. Daniel Cammuel
Mr. Alexander Panopoulos

Citizen's CPR Award

Mr. Anthony Esposito
Mrs. Maria Navarro
Mrs. Eugenia Wureh

Trooper David Feltman
Lieutenant Steven Miller
FF Ben Singer
EMT/FF Scott Wittbecker

Mr. Richard Armiger
Acting EMS Lt. Matthew Beeker
FS Samuel Bramwell
EMT/FF Edward Campitelli
FF William Cline
FF Gwilym Davies II
FS Kevin Endres
Lieutenant Sandra Funk
Captain Kimberly Glaze
EMT/FF Erin Hazel
Lieutenant Noble Hinckle
PM Craig Hutton
EMT/FF Zachary Johns
Lieutenant Max King
Assistant Chief Thomas Ludwig
Lieutenant Michael McKenna
Captain Buddy Meadows
FF/PM Maria Owens
PM Shari Peterson
Captain Michael Robinette
FF/EMT Nicholas Saylor
FS Ben Schuler
Officer Nate Stiger
FADO James Tillis Jr.
PM/FF Eugene VonBerger
EMT/FF Carlos Washington Jr.
Captain William Willinger

Mr. Clemente Reyes

Mr. Joseph Iman
Mr. Wesley Rawlins

Mr. Chad Fike
Ms. Angel Rose



Members promoted during 2012 stand in the Goucher College auditorium as they swear the oath to protect and serve.



Battalion Chief Jennifer Utz



EMS Lt. Reynold Blubaugh III



FADO Duburne Reid



FS Thomas L. Kimbel and BC Thomas J. Kimbel



FADO Matthew Pace, FADO Wayne Hipsley, Lt. Paul Fenush, Mr. Joseph Iman, Mr. Wesley Rawlins

Noteworthy Fire & EMS Incidents

January 9: Fatal Fire, 907 Arncliffe Road, Essex

A 63-year-old mother and her 40-year-old daughter died in a dwelling fire on Arncliffe Road, Box 7-07. Fire crews were dispatched to 907 Arncliffe Road around 7:30 p.m.

April 10: Dundalk Church Fire, 4317 North Point Boulevard

East side firefighters responded at 7:38 p.m. to a shed and debris fire at the back of the Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, Box 9-06. The fire escalated to three alarms and quickly spread to the church building. A “red flag” warning was in place at the time of the fire. At 7:45 p.m., commanders withdrew crews from inside the church because of unsafe conditions and moved to exterior operations.

Police fire investigators ruled the fire an arson and charged two male juveniles, ages 12 and 13, with setting the blaze.



**Fire at Pleasant Zion Baptist Church
Box 9-06**

April 20: 3 Caraway Road in Reisterstown



**Fire at 3 Caraway Road
Box 56-03**

West side fire crews responded shortly after 2 a.m. to a two-alarm apartment fire at 3 Caraway Road, Box 56-03, in Reisterstown.

Upon arrival, units reported a fully involved garden apartment building and requested a second alarm.

After a collapse of the exterior wall on the third floor, the building was evacuated and exterior operations began.

September 2: Ross' Crab House Fire, 1109 North Point Road



**Fire at Ross' Crab House
Box 15-7**

A two-alarm fire heavily damaged Ross' Crab House, Box 15-7, but no one was injured.

The fire was dispatched at about 7:25 p.m. Firefighters found heavy fire in the basement.

At about 7:40 p.m., firefighters retreated from the building and called in a second alarm.

September 10: Fire at Belko Plant, 11931 Jericho Road

Crews responded at 3:36 p.m. for a fire at the former Belko factory in Kingsville, Box 48-15. Firefighters used exterior operations to extinguish the fire in the vacant two-story building.

They returned to the scene the next two days to battle rekindled flames. No one was injured.



**Fire at Belko Plant
Box 48-15**

October 1: Dwelling Fire, 7022 Bellona Avenue



**Fire at 7022 Bellona Avenue
Box 1-13**

Towson area crews responded at 8:18 a.m. to a two-alarm dwelling fire on Bellona Avenue, Box 1-13.

A mayday was called and quickly cancelled when a firefighter fell through the floor and relocated.

Baltimore County Police investigators ruled this fire an arson.

2012 Retirements

The Fire Department said goodbye to 82 sworn and civilian members who retired in 2012.

We wish these friends and colleagues a happy and well-deserved retirement.



**Captain Ross Cooke with
Chief John Hohman**



BC Stephen Lancaster



Capt. Edmund Schwartz

Captain Christopher Gauss	January 1, 2012
Captain Pamela MacLean	January 1, 2012
PM/FF Jeffrey Rice	January 13, 2012
Lieutenant Paul Piker	January 17, 2012
FS Peter Latreille	January 21, 2012
Office Assistant Linda Mayfield	January 21, 2012
Quartermaster Christopher Bertling	February 1, 2012
FADO Carroll Browne	February 14, 2012
Fire Director Lynn Mullahey	February 16, 2012
BC Martin Munroe	February 16, 2012
DC Jonathan Hart	February 26, 2012
BC Stephen Lancaster	February 29, 2012
BC Charles Watkins	February 29, 2012
BC Bruce Kesting	February 29, 2012
Mgt. Analyst II Ioanna Anagnos	March 1, 2012
Office Clerk Lorna Roles	March 1, 2012
Personnel Assistant Nancy Badders	March 1, 2012
Captain Frederick Burkhardt	March 17, 2012
Lieutenant Harold Weissner	March 17, 2012
Lieutenant James Bangerd	March 24, 2012
FF/EMT Dennis Barnes	April 2, 2012
FS Bruce Snyder	April 2, 2012
Captain Ray Breighner	April 2, 2012
FADO Donald Love	April 3, 2012
FADO Joseph Topper	April 3, 2012
FADO Timothy Groves	April 4, 2012
Lieutenant Robert Jones	April 4, 2012
FADO Cleve Thompson	April 16, 2012
Captain Michael Rutledge	April 16, 2012
Captain Richard Green Sr.	April 18, 2012
Captain Robert Murray Sr.	April 18, 2012
Captain Edmund Schwartz	April 18, 2012
PM/FF Mary Endryas	April 28, 2012
PM/FF Richard Lyons	May 1, 2012



Lt. Robert Jones



BC Paul Leverton



Nancy Badders



Lt. Patrick Taylor



FADO Joseph Topper



FADO Cleve Thompson

FS Stephen Wantz	June 1, 2012
PM/FF Samuel Abrams	June 11, 2012
Lieutenant Dennis Dembeck	June 18, 2012
FS Daniel Kelly	June 19, 2012
FADO John Purkey	June 19, 2012
FS Charles Mast	June 30, 2012
Captain John Ryan	July 1, 2012
EMT Richard Spilman	July 20, 2012
Lieutenant Patrick Taylor	July 20, 2012
FADO Dean Holloway	July 24, 2012
PM/FF Stephen Bauer	August 30, 2012
FS Stephen Hobbs	September 1, 2012
PM/FF Kevin Cannady	September 8, 2012
FADO Jeffrey Robertson	September 11, 2012
Captain Charles Polesne	September 15, 2012
Lieutenant Mark New	September 18, 2012
FF/EMT William Tittsworth	September 18, 2012
FADO Marvin Fletcher	September 19, 2012
FS Dennis Thamert	September 19, 2012
EMT Patricia Cornell-Nelson	September 24, 2012
FS Johnny Thompson Jr.	September 25, 2012
FADO Warren Jones	September 30, 2012
FS Andrew Schlegel	October 20, 2012
FS David Smith	October 24, 2012
Captain Vincent Fannon	October 25, 2012
Captain James Massey	October 31, 2012
Lieutenant Leonard Yox	November 1, 2012
BC Paul Leverton	November 16, 2012
Captain Charles Cooke	November 17, 2012
Captain Paul Huppmann	November 17, 2012
EMT/FF Sherman Spruell	November 28, 2012
FADO Richard Gribble	December 18, 2012
FS Ronald Walters	December 18, 2012
Lieutenant Mark Gardner	December 24, 2012

In Memoriam

This year, the Baltimore County Fire Department lost 12 retired members. They remain in our hearts and prayers.



Harry Hornberger
1/5/2012



Harry Snyder
2/8/2012



Thomas Legge
2/12/2012



Robert Bolling
3/16/2012



Dale Sample
4/15/2012



John Baker
4/19/2012



William Kimich
6/1/2012



William Kirby
6/28/2012



Frank Collette Jr.
9/28/2012



Edward Smith
11/17/2012



William Leubberman
11/18/2012



Mervin Peters
12/23/2012

Baltimore County Fire Department

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.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

**PRIDE
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
DEDICATION
EXCELLENCE**

**CHIEF JOHN J. HOHMAN
BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**