



Baltimore County Fire Department

2013 Year In Review

Baltimore County, Maryland





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Messages to Fire & EMS Personnel

In 2013, the men and women of the Baltimore County Fire Department persevered in the face of tough challenges, working tirelessly to protect the citizens of Baltimore County.

Reisterstown VFC Firefighter Gene Kirchner lost his life in service to the community, and I want to express my deep gratitude for his sacrifice.

Thank you to all our firefighters and emergency medical personnel for your unwavering commitment to public safety.

Kevin Kamenecky



We will remember 2013 with sadness because of the loss of Reisterstown VFC Firefighter Gene Kirchner, 25, who died of injuries sustained in an April 24 house fire. FF Kirchner gave his life trying to save someone trapped in that fire. This was a brave young man whose sacrifice reminds us of the dangers inherent in our calling and of the seriousness of our decision to serve.

As we look back on the events of 2013, we should also remember the Fire Service's many accomplishments. Thanks to each of you for doing your part to make this County a better place.

Alan J. Hahn

Fire Department Overview

Baltimore County Demographics



- Population: 823,015
- Median household income: \$66,068
- 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

- One of the largest combined (career/volunteer) fire services in the U.S.
- FY 2013 operating budget: \$90.8 million
- 1,033 sworn employees; 29 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.



**DC Mark Ewers, BC Joe Brown,
BC Francis "Skip" DiPaula, AC Mark Hubbard**

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

This engine was one of several pieces of new equipment dedicated on December 5, 2013.



Organization and Personnel

- 1 Chief of the Department
 - » John J. Hohman, serving his thirteenth year as Chief
- 1 Chief of Staff
 - » Jennifer Werry Stewart
- 2 Assistant Chiefs
 - » Mark Hubbard (Operations, B and C shifts, Fire-Rescue Academy, Homeland Security, and Emergency Management)
 - » Kyrle Preis III (Operations, A and D shifts, Dispatch, Fire Marshal's Office, and EMS)
- 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
 - » 29 EMS Lieutenants
 - » 166 Fire Apparatus Driver Operators (FADO)
 - » 149 Fire Specialists
 - » 34 Firefighters/EMTs
 - » 61 Paramedics
 - » 100 Paramedics/FFs
 - » 105 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Probationary EMTs
 - » 150 EMTs/FFs
 - » 29 Civilians



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

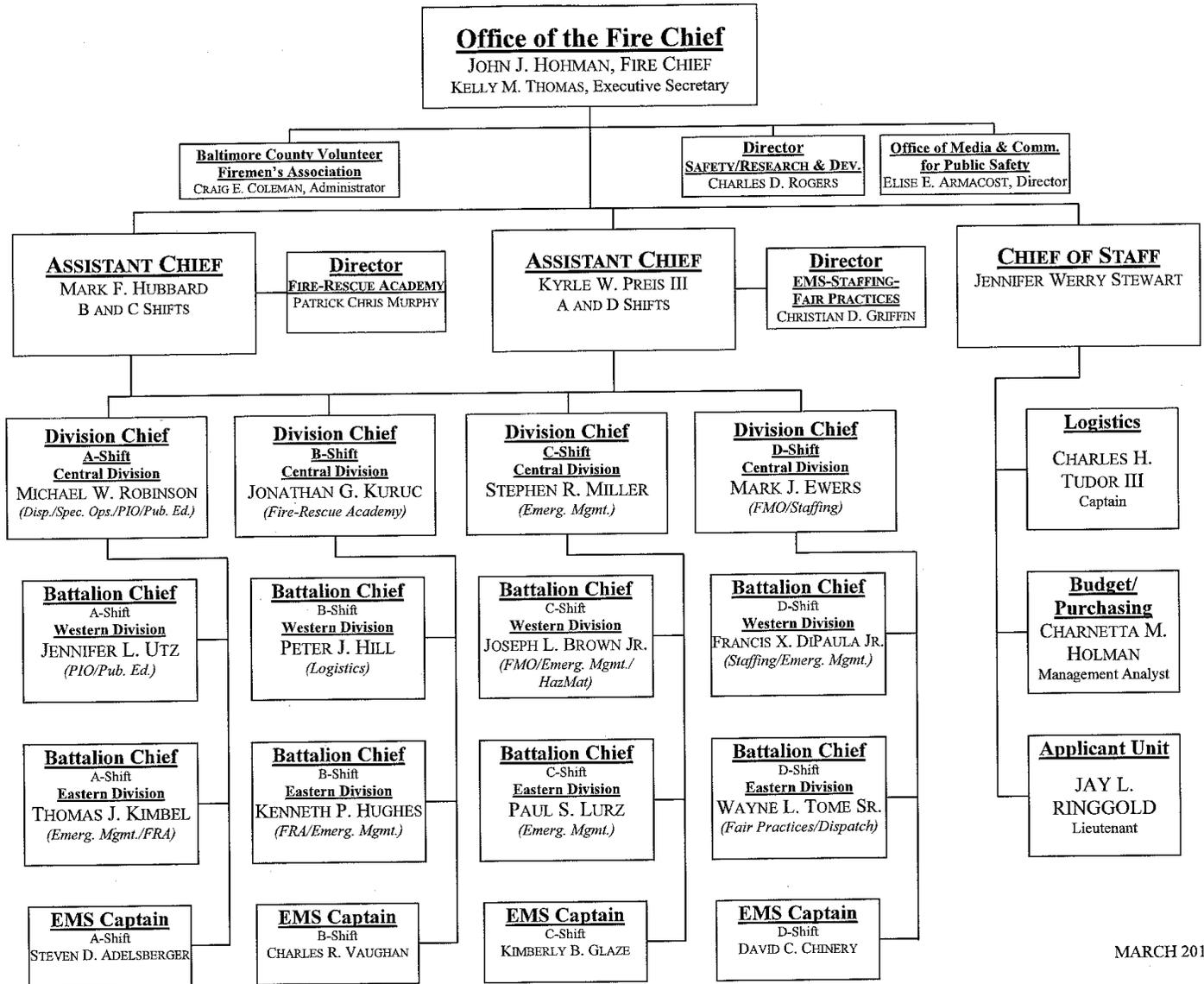
Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association (BCVFA)

- 35 companies
- Approximately 3,000 members with 2,000 active Emergency Responders
- Received over \$6.8 million in county aid for fiscal year 2014. This included grants to specific fire companies and subsidies for 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.
- John McDowell, BCVFA President (Arbutus Volunteer Fire Company)



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

Organizational Chart



MARCH 2013

Station Roster

On December 31, 2013, the Fire Department station rosters were as follows:

Division 1

Station 1 — Towson

A Shift

Captain Robert Seigle
Lieutenant Donald Friedel
FADO Jennifer Lemmon
FADO Alexander Scott
FADO Timothy Mooney
FS Robert Klein
FS Bruce Schwarz
PFF Stephen Sharp
PM Gregory Gatto
EMT/FF Salliann Muscella
PEMT Christopher Ray
EMT/FF Nicholas Saylor

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 Joshua Young
EMT/FF Larry Roos Jr.

C Shift

Captain Julia Dillard
Lieutenant Michael Curtis
FADO Anthony Espinosa
FADO Michael Huber
FADO Charles Ray III
FS Caroline Pace
FS James Handy
PFF VanJonte Poulson
PM/FF Jose Rodriguez Sr.
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
FS Shawn Magaro
PFF Brian Woodley
PM Jennifer Armetta
EMT/FF Erin Hazel
EMT William Steward

E Shift

Lieutenant Ethan Johnson
FADO Joseph Wiggins
FS Irvin Lewis
FS Gretchen Yingling
PM/FF Seantaye Thomas

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
PFF Damian Echols
PM/FF Craig Hutton
PM Matthew Beeker
EMT/FF Matthew Malczewski
EMT/FF Jean Glass
EMS Lieutenant Robert Holmes

B Shift

Captain Roland Dembeck
Lieutenant Frederick Koch III
FADO Michael Amole
FADO Kevin Ford
FADO Rodney Womack
FS William Lutostanski Jr.
FS Albert Miller Jr.
PM/FF James Badders
EMT/FF Jessica Greaver
EMT Michelle Grubb
EMT/FF Brian Palmer

C Shift

Captain Thomas Ramey
Lieutenant Scott Ebbert
FADO Matthew Lancaster
FADO Matthew Fox
FADO Charles Riddle
FS Thomas Kimbel
FS Daniel Kile
PM/FF Kellie Cooke
PEMT Michael Bruzdinski Jr.
EMT/FF Keith Starr
EMT/FF Phillip Tran
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
EMS Lieutenant Thomas Becker
EMS Lieutenant Angela Taury

Station 10 — Parkville

A Shift

Captain Steven Biddison
Lieutenant Jay Miller
FS Nathaniel Wells
FF/EMT Craig Clinton
PM John Dawson
EMT/FF Nakoya Kabia

B Shift

Captain Gregg Kearney
Lieutenant Robert Biggs Jr.
FADO Wayne Hackley
FS Lawrence Merrifield Jr.
PM Tanika White
EMT/FF Zachary Belcher
EMT Candy Reinhardt

C Shift

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

D Shift

Captain Shelton Parker
Lieutenant Marcus Johnson
FADO Gregory Stolins
FS Lindsay-Ann Opitz
PM Bethany Jones
EMT Tonya Freund

E Shift

PM 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
PFF Andrew Hays
PM Jaime Wooden
EMT Rachelle Alexander
EMS Captain Steven Adelsberger

B Shift

Captain David Miller
Lieutenant Stephen Sindler
FADO Michael Fox
FS Eric Wentworth
PFF Johnny Owens
PM Robert Freund
EMT/FF Renee Smith
EMS Captain Charles Vaughan

C Shift

Captain George Knopp
Lieutenant Gregory Amoriello
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 Eric Needle
FADO David Potts
FS Robert Decker
PM James Perra
EMT/FF Stephen Pearce
EMT/FF Nicholas Tyson
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 Jason Porrovcchio
FADO Randy Umbrell
FS Benjamin Bosley
PM/FF Timothy Bare
PEMT Jose Munoz
EMT/FF Daniel Warchol

C Shift

Captain Francis O'Connor Jr.
Lieutenant Stephan Steinberg
FADO Steven Barry
FADO Andrew Bittner
FS Gary Bull
PM Melissa Spittel
EMT Julie Kelley
EMT/FF Stephen Mueller

D Shift

Captain Lawrence Majchrzak
Lieutenant Morgan Lambert
FADO Patrick Crouse II
FADO Shawn Drees
FS Duran Banks
PM/FF Linda Sears
EMT Gary Lay

Station 17 — Texas

A Shift

Captain Brian Zimmerman
Lieutenant Paul Cusic
Lieutenant David Snyder
FADO Steven Yealdhall
FADO Kevin Snyder
FS Christopher Hale
FS Charles Ritzmann Jr.
FF/EMT David Spitz
PM/FF Jesse Greer
EMT Tyree Brown Jr.
EMT/FF Nicholas Gamble
EMT/FF Sylvia Murray
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 Ryan Asper
PM/FF Joanne Boyd
PM/FF Daniel Finke
EMT/FF Christopher Niner
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 Benjamin Ranneberger
FS Brandon Watkins
FF/EMT Michael Szczesniakowski
PM/FF Tiffany Queen
PM/FF Sarah Rose
PM Amanda Prosser
EMT/FF Charles Watson
DC Stephen Miller
EMS Lieutenant Amy Backhaus

D Shift

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

E Shift

PM/FF David Gouak Jr.
EMT Amahl Foster

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 Marc Kemmer
Lieutenant Keith Kuhn
FADO Dale Winter
FS Albert Brown
PM Ryan Patterson
EMT Gabrielle Green

C Shift

Captain James Edwards
Lieutenant Benjamin Schuler
FADO Hobart Howell Jr.
FS Jason Freund
PFF Nicholas Devries
PM/FF James Cassidy Jr.

D Shift

Captain Paul Schlossnagle
Lieutenant Russell English Jr.
FADO Michael Mather
FS Garth Dales
PFF Amanda Puleio
PM/FF Kathleen Schaeffer
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 John Perry III
Lieutenant Dale Richardson
FADO Daniel Bollinger
FS Donald Adams Jr.
PM/FF Bridget Poole
EMT Richard Allen Jr.

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

B Shift

Captain Brian Rayner
Lieutenant Louis Roody
FADO Michael Stone
FS Ronald Mintz
PM Laura Witt
EMT/FF Scott Wittbecker
EMT/FF David Blenman

C Shift

Captain William Allenbaugh Jr.
Lieutenant Michelle Stevens
FADO Kevin Cook
FS William Zoltowski
PM Christopher Strippel
EMT/FF Andrew Capone

D Shift

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

Station 3 — Woodlawn

A Shift

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

B Shift

Captain Tyrone Cooke
Lieutenant Ronald Poole Jr.
FADO Katie Meyers
FS Travis Francis
PM Shakia Tolson
EMT/FF Marcus Perry
EMT Andrea Dalton
EMS Lieutenant John Swann III

C Shift

Captain William Reinecke III
Lieutenant Randy Parrish
FADO Charles Davidson
FS Joshua Levin
PM Matthew Urick
EMT/FF Jason Yates
EMS Lieutenant Barbara Greenfeld

D Shift

Captain Ronald Evans Jr.
Lieutenant Lindsay Torbeck
FADO William White III
FS Daniel Routson
FF/EMT William Wiley III
PM Steven Skiff

Station 4 — Catonsville

A Shift

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

B Shift

Captain Michael Gardner
Lieutenant Russell Pryor III
FADO Edward Arnold
FADO Barry Thayer
FS Cheryl Noetzel
FS Michael Eagle
FF/EMT Gregory Cook
PFF Torey Nichols
PM Chauncé King
EMT/FF Shannel Carr
EMT Traci Cheek

C Shift

Captain David Dryden
Lieutenant Eddie Dezur Jr.
FADO Louis Dixon Jr.
FADO John Kohl Sr.
FS Adrian Gladney
FS Aaron Tapp
FF/EMT Anthony Demory
FF/EMT Lamont Garris
PM/FF William Kyle Jr.
EMT/FF Teisha Jackson

D Shift

Captain Timothy Lowman
Lieutenant Alfonso Hernandez
FADO David Hohenberger
FADO David Mitchell
FS Cherish Ross
FF/EMT George Brooks
PFF Katie Whipps
PM Sandra Stevens
EMT/FF Anna Greenwalt
EMT/FF Paul Melvin

Station 5 — Halethorpe

A Shift

Captain Gregory Bean
Lieutenant John Bennett
Lieutenant John Schreiber Jr.
FADO Christopher Andrews
FADO Daniel Coolahan
FADO Steven Mooney
FS Katherine Coleman
FS Michael DeLuca
PM Susan Arnett
EMT Jason Correa
EMT/FF Matthew Dize
EMT/FF Darnell Roberts

B Shift

Captain Edward Sipes
Lieutenant Jose Rodriguez Jr.
Lieutenant James Artis Jr.
FADO Lacey Marino
FADO Jermaine McCullough
FS Leslie O'Neal
PM/FF Krystal Fabian
EMT/FF Michael Cover
EMT/FF Tracey Henry
EMT Lisha Hogan
EMT/FF John Simone

C Shift

Captain Robert Weis
Lieutenant Raymond Gill
Lieutenant William Brehm
FADO Mark Topper
FADO Wayne Simmons Jr.
FADO Jeffrey Utzinger
FS David Oliphant
FS Adam Wright
PFF Anthony Miller
PM/FF Michael Quinlan
EMT/FF Carolyn Cromartie
EMT/FF Quan Griffin
EMT/FF Norman Simpkins Jr.
EMS Lieutenant Michael Fold

D Shift

Captain John Sibiga Jr.
Lieutenant Brian Ludwig
Lieutenant Mark Stone
FADO John Manlove
FADO John Williamson
FADO Kenneth Blades
FS Steven Small
FS Paul Trovinger
PM/FF Tina Kruger
EMT Cynthia Bury
EMT/FF David Hepner
EMT/FF Charles Shivery
EMS Lieutenant Danielle Knatz
EMS Lieutenant Bianca Thompson

Station 13 — Westview

A Shift

Captain Louis Wingo Jr.
Lieutenant Kurt Holloway
Lieutenant Richard Green Jr.
FADO Curtis Brothers
FADO Jeffrey Hale
FADO Gregory Murawski
FS Ronald Blizzard Jr.
FS Gregory Cleveland
PM Charles Robinson III
EMT/FF Kevin Bollinger
EMT/FF Sean Borgmann
EMT Jessica Hayes
EMT/FF Matthew Hoffman
BC Jennifer Utz

B Shift

Captain Robert Grimes
Lieutenant Paul Fenush
Lieutenant James Hammond
FADO Ira Lapps
FADO Kenneth McLaughlin Jr.
FADO Mark Stavely
FS Evan Dayhoff
FS Brandon Warren
PM James Vincent
EMT/FF Joseph Fiedler III
EMT/FF Brian Fraley
EMT/FF Anna Pevliva
EMT Robert Streett III
BC Peter Hill

C Shift

Captain Thomas Rouillard
Lieutenant Joseph Woynovitz Jr.
Lieutenant Charles Millender III
FADO Joseph Carter Jr.
FADO Jason Cromer
FADO Duburne Reid
FS Jason Baldwin
FS Richard Brooks IV
PFF Stephan Steinberg
PM Warren Bright
EMT/FF Kirsten Koenig
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 Amy Harris
 PFF Jessica Childress
 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 John Schultz
 Lieutenant Robert Kemp
 Lieutenant William Meyers Sr.
 FADO Keith Klunk
 FADO Scott Wayne
 FS Philip Stuart
 FS Scott Wagner
 PM/FF Todd Smith
 PM Sheila Redding
 EMT/FF Carlos Bailey
 EMT Charnell Holloway
 EMT/FF Patrick O'Doherty
 EMT/FF Franklin Penn III

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/FF Melissa Simpkins
 EMT/FF Jason Terry
 EMT/FF Kevin Cunningham

C Shift

Captain Daniel Brinkley
 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 Shannelle 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
 PFF Charles Kolkin
 PM/FF Jamie LaRoque
 EMT/FF Jere Christian
 EMT/FF James Fulton Jr.
 EMT/FF David Sutherland
 EMT/FF Michael Walters

E Shift

EMT Thomasina Calhoun
 EMT/FF Kelly Hardy

Station 19 — Garrison

A Shift

Captain Dean Smith
Lieutenant Jeffrey Bangerd
FADO Juan Paige
FS Kevin Jones
PM William Danner
EMT/FF Keith Blackmon
EMT/FF April Owens
EMS Lieutenant Henry Chinery III

B Shift

Captain Jeffrey Kreimer
Lieutenant Kellie Roody
FADO Roy Leatherwood
FS James Colliflower
PFF Connor Risner
PM/FF Jason Russell
EMT Steven Pearsall
EMS Lieutenant Reynold Blubaugh III

C Shift

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

D Shift

Captain Joseph DeVito
Lieutenant James Zinkand Jr.
FADO Paul Faulkner
FS Justin Hadel
PM Kyle Williams
EMT/FF Blake Curry
EMT Jennifer Hilliard
EMS Lieutenant David Snyder

Station 56 — Franklin

A Shift

Captain Joseph Ryan
Lieutenant Paul Chenoweth
FADO Doreen Means
FS Scott Mitchell
FF/EMT Ronald Imbragulio
PM Shannon Allen
EMT/FF Kimberley Routson

B Shift

Captain Daniel Plunkert
Lieutenant Steven Miller
FADO Wayne Hipsley
FS Allen Dutterer Jr.
PM Latina Dorsey
EMT/FF Jeffrey Coleman
EMT Terrilyn Brown

C Shift

Captain Phillip Stevens
Lieutenant Ronald Bursey
FADO David Haines
FS Francis Ward III
PM Glennell Leonard
EMT/FF Karen Meyers
EMT Leslie Abendschoen

D Shift

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

Division 3

Station 6 — Dundalk

A Shift

Captain John Meyers IV
Lieutenant Christopher Rossi
FADO Thomas Fabrizio Jr.
FS Richard Swinder
PM Kia Rolle
PM Christine Stroh
EMT/FF Jessica Brown
EMT/FF Melisa Mabry
EMT/FF Christopher Mack

B Shift

Captain Gregory Wisniewski
Lieutenant Mark Milburne
FADO Dana Pack
FS Shane Davies
PFF Joshua Ely
PM Giovanni Lumaro
PM Curtis Wiggins Jr.
EMT/FF Corey Morton Jr.
EMT Gina Tuttle

C Shift

Captain Joseph Griebel
Lieutenant Michael Scott
FADO Brian Ellis
FS Ryan Downey
PM/FF Ebony Hilton
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 Kevin Miller
 EMT/FF Daniel Phillips
 EMT/FF Carlos Washington Jr.
 EMT/FF Justin Bruzdinski

E Shift

Lieutenant Michael Frank
 FADO Alvin Stewart Sr.
 FS Twana Allen
 EMT/FF Cody Robinson

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 Ray Ralieg
 PFF Kevin Orozco
 PM/FF Patrick Henderson
 EMT/FF Micheal Stuart III

B Shift

Captain David Bycoffe
 Lieutenant Eric Stacharowski
 FADO Micheal Stuart Jr.
 FADO Cynthia Willett
 FS Eric Hartman
 FS Jeffrey Riefner
 PM/FF Richard Dunham
 PM/FF Corinne McNutt
 EMT/FF Paul Willhite III
 EMT/FF Adam Reininger
 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 Jarett Robinson
 PFF Louis Szafarz
 PM Luke Single
 PM/FF Maria Owens
 EMT/FF Stuart Counsellor

D Shift

Captain William Burkins
 Lieutenant Bryan Hardesty
 FADO Louis Schaller
 FADO Gregory Lewis
 FS Edward Gail
 FS Joseph Gutkoska
 FF/EMT Samuel Valencia
 PM Julie Bernard
 EMT/FF Joseph Funk Jr.
 EMT/FF Gregory Watson
 EMT/FF John McMahon

E Shift

PM/FF Veronica Paugh
 EMT Jennifer Johnson

Station 9 — Edgemere**A Shift**

Captain Ronald Halley
 FADO Scott Nicely
 FS Steven Piker
 FF/EMT Ronald Nixon
 PM Kent Hewitt
 EMT William Barquin

B Shift

Captain Jeffrey Bowen
 Lieutenant Stacey Gail
 FADO David Johnston
 FS David Paugh
 EMT/FF Clayton Iler
 PM Brandee Zoltowski
 EMT Kenneth Burns

C Shift

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

D Shift

Captain Steven Brown
Lieutenant Christopher Herman
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.
FS Kevin Endres
PFF Demetrius Jefferson
PM/FF John Perry
EMT/FF Randy Piper
EMS Lieutenant John Cromwell Jr.

B Shift

Captain Robert Binkley
Lieutenant Steven Czawlytko
FADO Brian Yingling
FS Michael Joyce
PM/FF Kevin Palmer
EMS Lieutenant Timothy Rostkowski

C Shift

Captain Shawn Auld
Lieutenant William Johns Jr.
FADO Michael Weil
FS Aaron Carter
PFF James Iman
PM/FF Amanda Drasal
EMT/FF Corey Watkins
EMS Lieutenant Tracey Marvel

D Shift

Captain Eric Endryas
Lieutenant Erik Reinhardt
FADO Charles McJilton
FS Zachary Johns
PFF Christopher Hunter
PM/FF Kevin George
PM/FF Janice Adelhardt
PM Thomas Stevenson Jr.
EMT/FF Jacob Stuart
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 Brian Smoot
PFF Ryan Yeatman
PM Katie Zingarelli
EMT Jason Barnstein
EMT/FF Jeremiah Cole
EMT/FF Benjamin Kimbel
EMS Lieutenant Jennifer Martucci

B Shift

Captain Bryan Smith
Lieutenant Jeffrey Akers
Lieutenant Eric Cole
FADO Samuel Bramwell
FADO Brian Griffin
FADO Howard Simons
FS Robert Diegel
FS Brent Williams
PM/FF Kimberly Bobo
EMT/FF Joseph Kelly III
EMT/FF Henry Lasek
EMS Lieutenant Robert Paugh

C Shift

Captain James Radomsky
Lieutenant David Westbrook
Lieutenant Daniel Jarkiewicz
FADO Gregory Grove
FADO Brandon James
FADO Drew Tuttle
FS Lloyd Jenkins II
FS Richard Williams
PM Shari Peterson
EMT/FF Jerry Miller
EMT/FF Steven Lee
EMT/FF Matthew Schultz
EMT Tonya Scott
EMS Lieutenant Christopher Hoffman

D Shift

Captain Lonnie Ledford
Lieutenant Matthew Hill
Lieutenant Noble Hinckle
FADO Gregory Johnston
FADO Shannon Stallings
FADO James Tillis Jr.
FS Ronald Schreiber
FS Kenneth Chu
PFF Patrick Riegel
PM Christina Ruberti
EMT/FF Shane Hubbe
EMT/FF Bryan Schulz
EMS Lieutenant Leonard Stewart

Station 16 — Golden Ring

A Shift

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

B Shift

Captain Frederick Rafferty Jr.
Lieutenant Timothy Hannan
FADO David Oliver
FS Adam Lublinsky
PM Courtney Berkeridge
EMT/FF Timothy Pace
EMT Shana Groom
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 Michael Drasal
FADO Gary Burton
FADO Christina Hull
FS Terry Curlee
PM Christine Sevier
EMT Amy Bittner
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 Robert Moore

B Shift

Captain Michael Torbit
Lieutenant Michael Ruppert
FADO John Heinz
FS Scott Arndt
FF/EMT John Kelly
PM/FF Scott Davidson
EMT/FF Vonzell Groom

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 Todd Aupperley
FF/EMT Frank Pollock Sr.
PM Melissa Schuler
EMT/FF Michael Griffiths
EMT/FF Sherri Voyzey

Station 57— Sparrows Point

A Shift

Captain Kevin Duell
FADO Christopher Davis Sr.

B Shift

Captain Christian Weir Jr.
FADO Edward Rachinskas
FS Todd Youngblood

C Shift

FADO Gary Purkey
FF/EMT Craig Johnson

D Shift

Captain John Amrhein
FADO John Ritz

Station 58 — Back River Neck

A Shift

PM Tahra Barber
EMT Laurie Kutrick

B Shift

PM Atiya Smith
EMT/FF Cherita Myers

C Shift

PM Delores Pickle
EMT Dora Harlee

D Shift

PM Kelly Metz

Run Totals

Baltimore County Fire and EMS crews responded to more than 118,830 incidents in 2013.

- 92,550 EMS incidents
- 2,043 fire incidents, including 622 fires in structures.
- 5 fire fatalities
- Dundalk Station #6 was the busiest station: 9,523 runs.
- Medic 12 (Middle River), the busiest medic unit, ran 4,027 calls.
- Woodlawn's Engine 3 was the busiest engine company: 2,667 runs.
- Truck 13 (Westview) was the busiest ladder company, with 1,398 runs.
- Squad 322 from the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company was the busiest squad, with 361 runs.
- Vehicle accidents without extrication: 6,424
- Vehicle extrications: 130
- Other rescues: 217
- Hazardous materials: 4,688
- False alarms/good intent: 13,008



On August 20, 2013, firefighters battled a three-alarm fire on Winters Lane.



FADO Shawn Sebo with an overturned vehicle off of Peninsula Expressway.

Divisions

Fire Communications

Division Chief Michael Robinson
Battalion Chief Wayne Tome
Lt. John Milby

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Fully implemented National Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) Protocols.
- Began training, distribution, and implementation of Radio Life Cycle Replacement Plan, from Motorola XTL/XTS Portables/Mobiles to Motorola APX 6000/7000.
- Implemented new Reserve Unit Fleet Tracking system.
- Began work on NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) for tracking of maintenance and “out of service” status for all fire hydrants in Baltimore County.
- Began testing distribution of CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) incident call data to mobile tablets for Chief Officers.

Fire Marshal’s Office

Division Chief Mark Ewers
Battalion Chief Joseph Brown
Captain Bruce Schultz

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Received final council approval of the new Fire Prevention Code.
- Educated station personnel in the new Fire Prevention Code and the operations of the Fire Marshal's Office.
- Continued to obtain compliance with door closures in multi-family residences.

Tactical Rescue/Hazardous Materials

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

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Changed all career air monitoring equipment to state-of-the-art Industrial Scientific MX4 4-Gas monitors on all engine companies. All Truck companies have been equipped with a new Multi Rae 4-Gas monitor plus 5th sensor for HCN to monitor deadly gases on the fire ground.
- Developed a Rapid Intervention Team for Baltimore County Police Bomb Squad Operations, in order to provide rapid deployment of rescue, bleeding control, and extrication for our bomb technicians. This program included the acquisition of basic tools needed if bomb technicians are injured on a call. The relationship between the BCoFD and the BCoPD bomb squad is unmatched in the nation.
- Conducted the first multi-jurisdictional hazmat technician course. This class included the entire UASI region. This training brings all UASI partners under the same training umbrella.
- Tested and certified new Multi Threat suits. These suits will increase responder dexterity and protection during hazmat calls. These suits are durable and reusable and allow a technician to work in a hazmat environment for two to four hours without heat stress.
- Provided training in chemical suicides. As a result of this training, BCoFD suffered no injuries as a result of these high-risk incidents, which often involve unknown chemicals.
- Conducted a “know your smoke” class to educate personnel on the health hazards of the smoke we breathe on the fire ground.

Tactical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)

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

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Held multi-jurisdictional building collapse and trench rescue classes.
- Upgraded rope and swift water rescue equipment.
- The Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, comprising BCoPD Aviation and BCoFD’s advanced tactical unit, evacuated a stranded ATV rider.
- Assisted with damaged building searches at the May 2013 Rosedale train derailment.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

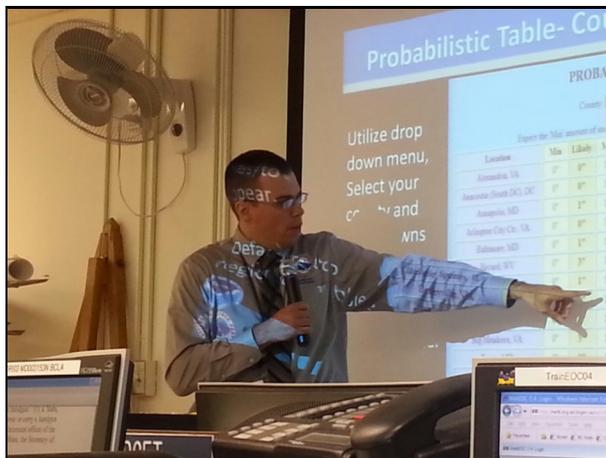
Assistant Chief Mark Hubbard, Director of HSEM
Division Chief Stephen Miller
Battalion Chief Paul Lurz

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Updated Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Plan.
- March 3: HSEM responded to assist with fire incident at 500 Virginia Avenue, Towson.
- March 6: EOC activated for snow event.
- May 3: HSEM responded to assist with fire incident at 200 1st Avenue, Halethorpe.
- May 28: HSEM assisted in the response to a train derailment in an industrial sector of Rosedale along U.S. 40 - in the 7500 block of Lake Drive - when it collided with a waste hauling truck.
- August 8: Responded to assist with fire incident at 1 Brett Court, Cockeysville.



**Train derailment in Rosedale,
May 28, 2013.
HSEM was part of a
regional response team.**



**A National Weather Service
representative briefs EOC
members during an
EOC training.**

Fire-Rescue Academy

Division Chief Jonathan Kuruc
Director Patrick Murphy
Director Charles Rogers

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- The 101st Recruit class graduated on August 21 at Loch Raven High School. The Academy immediately began preparations for the upcoming 102nd Recruit class, which began on September 23, 2013.
- The FRA was approved in November for reaccreditation by the Accredited Training Review Agency (ATRA) Site Team.
- The FRA processed 925 Professional Qualifications Applications, an increase of 67 percent since 2011.
- The FRA purchased several new training aids in preparation for the EMT Recruit class scheduled to begin in February 2014. The FRA purchased AED Trainers, an IAFF Rescue Randy with additional reinforcement 6 feet, 1 inch, 165 pounds, anti-choking devices, IV Arms, and adult and infant mannequins.



Flashover training at the FRA.

Emergency Medical Services

Fire Director Christian D. Griffin

Significant accomplishments/changes:

- Promotion to EMS Lieutenant: Michael Bell, Reynold Blubaugh, Michele Polich, Terri Reid, Angela Taury
- Implementation of High-Performance CPR training program. This new program has resulted in positive outcomes for victims of cardiac arrest — doubling and sometimes tripling survival rates.
- Implementation of Cardiac Arrest Management Feedback Program. Data is wirelessly transmitted from the LifePak15 Monitor/Defibrillators and captured by CodeStat software. EMS now can provide feedback directly to EMS personnel, guiding performance for future incidents.



Three medic units parked outside the Emergency Department at Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Fire and EMS Events

May 5, 2013: Funeral of FF Gene Kirchner



Fire Chief John Hohman posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Firefighter Gene Kirchner, who died of injuries sustained while fighting a Reisterstown house fire.

The Medal of Honor is the Fire Service's highest honor. Chief Hohman presented the medal to FF Kirchner's mother at the fallen hero's funeral, held May 5, 2013 at Har Sinai Congregation in Owings Mills.

More than 1,000 people — including representatives from fire services across the mid-Atlantic — attended the service and burial at Dulany Valley Memorial Gardens.



Annual Memorial Services

May 19, 2013: 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 19.



Forty-four Baltimore County firefighters and emergency medical personnel have died in the line of duty. These include 20 career members and 24 volunteer members.

The shrine was built entirely with funds raised by members of the Fire Service. 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."

September 22, 2013: Fire Service Memorial Ceremony

Baltimore County Fire Service Memorial Shrine A memorial service honoring 44 members of the Baltimore County Fire Service who died during the past year was held September 22 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 Fire Service remembered 10 career and 34 volunteer members, including Firefighter Gene Kirchner of the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company. Kirchner suffered severe injuries from a fire rescue in Reisterstown on April 24 and died at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center eight days later.

June 12, 2013: CPR/AED Event, Franklin Station #56

Cardiac event survivors joined Fire, EMS and elected officials at the Franklin Fire Station in Reisterstown to raise awareness of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and the importance of immediate use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation.

Survivors of cardiac arrest who shared their stories included:

- Ashley Mayse, 17, a Cecil County softball player. In May 2012, she was playing in a game in Baltimore County when she suffered cardiac arrest. Her mother and coach performed CPR.
- Anne Efron, who was unconscious and in cardiac arrest at home. Her husband, Director of Trauma and Chief of the Division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at Johns Hopkins Hospital's Department of Surgery, called 911 and immediately began CPR until Baltimore County EMS providers arrived.
- Tom Nowakowski, 39, of Phoenix, Md., had just arrived at work in Towson when he suffered cardiac arrest. Two co-workers called 911, started CPR and used an AED.



Cardiac survivors with Baltimore County Fire Chief John Hohman and County Executive Kevin Kamenetz.

New “Hands Only” CPR Initiative

Baltimore County Fire and EMS officials announced a new “hands only” CPR initiative called, “Lend a Hand, Save a Life.”



Captain Steven Adelsberger teaches “hands only” CPR at the “Lend a Hand, Save a Life” educational booth.

The Baltimore County Fire Department’s initiative features an online resource, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/handsonlycpr, and training opportunities around the county.

July 24, 2013: Mikulski, Cardin Announce \$1 Million to Recruit, Retain Firefighters

U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin, along with Representatives Elijah Cummings, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes announced more than \$1 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The grant includes a hiring preference for military veterans.

The funds help fill 11 BCoFD firefighter positions eliminated in fiscal year 2013 due to budget restrictions. These 11 firefighters provide fire suppression, hazard mitigation, fire and safety education and emergency medical services to Baltimore County communities.

The SAFER grant program provides money to volunteer, combination and career fire departments to increase the number of frontline firefighters and to rehire firefighters laid off due to the poor economy.

Since 2001, Maryland fire departments and Emergency Medical Services units have received more than \$131.5 million in fire grant funding. BCoFD has received about \$13.8 million.



**Homeland
Security**

August 21, 2013: 101st Recruit Class Graduation, Loch Raven High School

The 101st Recruit Class graduated from the Fire-Rescue Academy on August 21, 2013. Ceremonies were held at Loch Raven High School for this class of Probationary Firefighters.

101st Recruit Class

Ryan Asper
Lauren Brenneman
Jessica Childress
Nicholas Devries
Damian Echols
Joshua Ely
Andrew Hays
Christopher Hunter
James Iman
Demetrius Jefferson

Charles Kolkin
Giovanni Lumaro
Anthony Miller
Torey Nichols
Kevin Orozco
Johnny Owens
VanJonte Poulson
Amanda Puleio
Ray Ralieggh
Patrick Rigiel

Connor Risner
Jarett Robinson
Stephan Steinberg
Louis Szafarz
Jawan Venable
James Vincent
Katie Whipps
Brian Woodley
Ryan Yeatman



The 101st Recruit Class,
taking the oath.



The 101st Recruit Class.

December 5, 2013: BCoFD Dedicates \$4 Million in Fire Apparatus

BCoFD placed three new engines and three new ladder trucks in service at a dedication ceremony at the Westview Fire Station, 6300 Johnnycake Road.

The new trucks and engines replaced older models and are assigned to the Golden Ring, Texas and Chase career stations. The trucks are assigned to Eastview, Halethorpe and Westview stations.

Trucks

The new trucks are manufactured by Rosenbauer, with Spartan Gladiator chassis. The total cost of these three aerial units is \$2.5 million.

Features include:

- A ladder pipe that allows water to flow at 1,000 gallons per minute. This is an improvement over what the current models allow.
- The Holmatro Vehicle Rescue System, used to extricate victims trapped in vehicular crashes.
- “Smart Aerial” technology. This involves a programmable control of the ladder, allowing gentle starts and stops when raising, lowering, extending or retracting the aerial.

Engines

The new engines — Spartan cabs with Rosenbauer chassis — cost about \$1.5 million.



Truck 15 and Truck 5, getting ready for dedication.



Fire Specialist Ron Schreiber explaining outriggers to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz with Fire Chief John Hohman.

Features include:

- A 450 horsepower engine
- 1,500-gallon per minute pump
- 1,000-gallon water tanks
- 12-volt LED scene lighting and emergency lighting

December 11, 2013: 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 designed posters that focused on kitchen fires and illustrated the theme, “Get Cookin’ with Fire Safety!”

The ceremony was held in the Carver Theatre at the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology.

The winners:

- First-place: Angelo Harris from Riverview Elementary School won \$100, plus other prizes.
- Second- and third-place: Mykera Dobie of Riverview Elementary and Amy Wang of Red House Run Elementary received \$50 each.
- Fourth- and fifth-place: Eniola Oladipo of Chadwick Elementary and Alexandra Reed of Jacksonville Elementary received \$35 each.
- Honorable Mention: 37 winners received \$25 each.



First Place: Angelo Harris

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 66 third grade students from 22 schools.



Second Place: Mykera Dobie



Third Place: Amy Wang

March 11, 2014: 2013 Promotional and Commendations Ceremony

The Fire Department recognized personnel who were promoted and who performed exceptionally in 2013 at its annual Promotional and Commendations Ceremony, held March 11, 2014 at Goucher College.

Promotions

Fire Captain

John Amrhein
David Dryden

Joseph DeVito
John Sibiga Jr.

Julia Dillard
Christian Weir Jr.

Fire Lieutenant

Stacey Gail
John Schreiber Jr.

William Johns Jr.
James Zinkand Jr.

Ethan Johnson

EMS Lieutenant

Michael Bell
Michele Polich

Angela Taury
Terri Reid

Paramedic/Firefighter

Kellie Cooke

Maria Owens

Paramedic

Rachael Heyer
Matthew Urick

Giovanni Lumaro
James Vincent

Kevin Miller
Curtis Wiggins Jr.

Fire Apparatus Driver Operator

Andrew Bittner
Andrew Laird
Jermaine McCullough
Mark Stavely

Patrick Crouse II
John Manlove
Katie Meyers
Scott Wayne

Shawn Drees
Lacey Marino
Jason Porrovicchio

Fire Specialist

Scott Arndt
Evan Dayhoff
Amy Harris
Robert Klein
Cherish Ross
Brandon Watkins

Duran Banks
Adrian Gladney
Eric Hartman
Shawn Magaro
Joseph Saunders
Adam Wright

Garth Dales
Justin Hadel
Zachary Johns
David Oliphant
Richard Swinder
William Zoltowski

Management Analyst III

Gregory Harrer

Storekeeper II

Michael Glos

Office Coordinator

Judy Douglass

2014 Commendation Awards

Departmental Medal of Honor & Purple Heart

FF Gene Kirchner
(Awarded posthumously, May 5, 2013)

Departmental Bronze Star

Officer William Johnson

Departmental Commendation

Captain Timothy Hamlett
FF Tyler Rye

FS Glen Real
FF Thomas Sopol

EMT/FF Cody Robinson
FADO James Weis

Departmental Distinguished Service Award

Captain Steven Adelsberger

Mr. Oscar Schapiro

Departmental Unit Citation

Captain Michael Acosta
FADO Michael Amole
Captain Corey Bello
FADO Samuel Bramwell
EMT/FF Schannel Carr
FF Daniel Childress
Lieutenant David Cox
FF Gwilym Davies II
FS Robert Diegel
Lieutenant Russell English Jr.
FADO Bruce Fleming
Lieutenant Stacey Gail
FADO Brian Griffin
FS Damone Hazelton
Diver Chris Johnson
FF/EMT John Kelly
Lieutenant Zachary Krausz
Lieutenant Larry Ledford
FADO Michael Mather
FF Lance Meehan
FS Albert Miller Jr.
FADO Randy Nelson
EMT/FF Brian Palmer
FF/PM Bryan Picarello
Captain Ryan Santmyer
FADO Shawn Sebo
EMT Monica Simpkins
Captain Jeffrey Snyder
Captain Colin Stem

Diver Jonathan Adams
FS David Badders
FF William Blair
EMT/FF Justin Bruzdinski
PM/FF James Cassidy Jr.
Lieutenant Eric Cole
FS Garth Dales
Captain Roland Dembeck
FS Michael Eagle
FF/EMT Joe Fern
Lieutenant Michael Fold
Captain Michael Gardner
Lieutenant Francis Harker Jr.
Lieutenant Jay Huber
FADO David Johnston
Lieutenant Daniel Kluge
Engineer Chris Lang
BC Paul Lurz
PFF David McKneely
FF Mike Michaud
FS Kimberly Myers
FADO Matthew Pace
FF Jeff Palmer
PM/FF Bridget Poole
PM/FF Samuel Sauers
EMT Robert Shiflett
Captain Bryan Smith
FADO Shannon Stallings
PM Sandra Stevens

EMT Richard Allen Jr.
Lieutenant Thomas Becker
Captain Jeffrey Bowen
EMT/FF Michael Bruzdinski Jr.
EMT Traci Cheek
FF Andrew Connelly
FS Shane Davies
Captain Dennis Dembeck
FF Bernard Eckert IV
FADO Frederick Fisher III
PM Robert Freund
EMT/FF Jessica Greaver
FADO William Haymaker
BC Kenneth Hughes
Lieutenant Tasha Kearney
Lieutenant Gerald Krause Jr.
Captain Richard Lannen
Diver Roland Mangum
PM/FF Corinne McNutt
Lieutenant Mark Milburne
PM/FF Nicole Nappi
FADO Dana Pack
FS David Paugh
PM/FF Kimberly Roland
Captain Paul Schlossnagle
FADO Howard Simons
EMT/FF Renee Smith
Lieutenant Brian Stark
FADO Barry Thayer

Departmental Unit Citation (Continued)

EMT Nicole Tucker
EMT/FF Daniel Warchol
Captain Gregory Wisniewski

EMS Lieutenant William Ullrich
Chief Charles Wilkinson
FF/EMT Scott Young

FS Wayne Wagner Sr.
FS Brent Williams

Citizen's Commendation Award

Ms. Taren Addington

Ms. Daisy Bryant

Citizen's Certificate of Merit

Mr. Michael Brown

Mr. Roman Spare

Citizen's CPR Award

Ms. Alexandria Abell
Mr. Nick Collingham

Ms. Dana Bolden
Mr. Paul Dierdorff

Mr. Timothy Booker
Ms. Cathy Maddox



Retired Captain Ross Cooke, FADO Bruce Fleming (awarded Unit Citation), BC Thomas Kimbel and FS Richard White



Fire Chief John J. Hohman with Promoted EMS Lieutenant Terri Reid



Five-year-old Roman Spare awarded the Citizen's Certificate of Merit from County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Fire Chief John J. Hohman



Fire Chief John J. Hohman awarding PM/FF Corinne McNutt with a Departmental Unit Citation



Fire Chief John J. Hohman with Promoted Captain David Dryden and Family

Noteworthy Fire & EMS Incidents

January 26: 3-Alarm Strip Mall Fire with Evacuation

A call was received just after 12:40 p.m. for a restaurant fire on Philadelphia Road, Box 16-07, in Rosedale. First-arriving units reported heavy smoke conditions and requested a second alarm. Additional units arrived on the scene, and an evacuation was ordered.

A third alarm was requested when fire spread through the roof. The fire was contained to the building of origin with no injuries reported.



Fire at 8426 Philadelphia Road, Jacky Chen's Restaurant, Box 16-07

April 11: Western School of Technology in Catonsville

Neighbors of Western School of Technology, 100 Kenwood Avenue, Box 04-05, reported a fire on the campus just after 2:30 a.m. The first engine on the scene arrived to find one portable classroom fully involved with extension to a second portable classroom. A second alarm was called for possible extension into the main school building.

The fire was placed under control at 3:31 a.m. with damage only to the two portable classrooms and the roof area of the main school.

Some 75-100 personnel were on the scene from Baltimore and Howard Counties, as well as Baltimore City.



Fire at 9110 Abigail Drive, Box 12-01

April 14: Apartment Fire, 9110 Abigail Drive

At 8 p.m., units were dispatched to 9110 Abigail Drive, Box 12-01, Middle River, for an apartment fire with people trapped. First-arriving units reported fire showing from the second and third floors, and requested a second alarm. Upon searching the floors of the apartment complex, crews found that all residents had exited safely.

At 9:02 p.m. the fire was placed under control. Approximately 25 pieces of fire apparatus and 100 fire personnel responded.

April 24: Firefighter Fatality at 15 Hanover Road

At 1:09 a.m. on April 24, crews were dispatched to a dwelling fire in the unit block of Hanover Road, Box 41-20. First arriving units from Franklin Station #56 and the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company found a Victorian-style home with heavy fire showing. A man was reported trapped on the second floor of the home.

Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company Special Unit 418 (SU418) had two of the first firefighters on scene (including Firefighter Gene Kirchner) and attempted to locate the seat of the fire and the last known location of trapped occupants.



Firefighters Gene Kirchner and Will Kirchner, brothers both working with Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company.

Firefighter Kirchner entered the dwelling ahead of the crew from Engine 56, as they advanced the hose line to the second floor, and with his partner began searching for the victim. Firefighter Kirchner's partner reported clutter on the second floor, requiring him to move and relocate items in the hallway to make a path forward. The firefighters from Engine 56 reported zero visibility with heavy smoke and high heat conditions at the top of the stairs of the second floor.

At 1:22 a.m. firefighters from Engine 56 reported hearing a Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) sounding and called out to attempt to locate the firefighter in distress. Firefighter Kirchner was found unconscious on the floor of a second floor bedroom. Kirchner was removed from the home and transported to Shock Trauma for medical treatment. Four other occupants were able to escape the home, but one civilian resident, Steven Starr, 58, died in the fire.

Kirchner died May 2 at the University of Maryland Medical Center R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center of injuries sustained. He was 25.



Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company truck in mourning for Firefighter Gene Kirchner.

May 28: Train Derailment in Rosedale

Fire dispatchers received a call for a train derailment at 2:02 p.m., Box 28-05. A CSX train was moving southbound in a mostly industrial section of Rosedale along U.S. 40 - in the 7500 block of Lake Drive - when it collided with a waste hauling truck.

The train continued moving for several hundred feet before 15 cars derailed. An explosion quickly followed, sending a huge cloud of black smoke into the air. Several nearby warehouses were damaged, two significantly.

BCoFD crews contained the fire to two cars; one was carrying terephthalic acid, the other was carrying fluorosilicic acid.



Train derailment in Rosedale, Box 28-05.

During the early stages of the incident, fire officials urged citizens in a 20-block radius to shelter in place. Residents of about 60 homes just west of the incident were offered the opportunity to shelter at the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company (VFC). Most residents chose to shelter at home.

The fire was called under control at 11:41 p.m.

This incident generated a regional response and international interest. Agencies assisting BCoFD and BCoPD included Baltimore City Fire, Maryland Department of the Environment, Martin's Fire Department, BWI Fire Department, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems and CSX.



Fire Chief Hohman surveys damage at the crash site.

The truck driver sustained serious injuries, but no one else was injured.

The truck driver was later charged with seven traffic violations.

July 17: Vehicle Crash Involving MTA Bus in Woodlawn



Vehicle crash on Woodlawn Drive, Box 13-12

Crews were dispatched at 5:17 p.m. to Woodlawn Drive, Box 13-12, for report of a vehicle collision involving a truck and an MTA bus.

The truck was driving the wrong way on Woodlawn Drive when it struck the bus head on. The bus driver was trapped in the vehicle, along with eight bus passengers. The truck driver was also trapped and pronounced dead at the scene.

Crews rescued the bus driver, who sustained critical injuries. All eight passengers were also removed from the bus.

August 17: Boat Fire at Baltimore Yacht Club

Firefighters and EMS personnel responded at 1:59 p.m. to a call for a boat that exploded and caught fire at the Baltimore Yacht Club, Box 24-10. The explosion occurred at the mouth of Sue Creek, about 20 feet from the yacht club.

Witnesses and fire personnel said the boat - a 30- to 35-foot cabin cruiser-style powerboat - caught fire near a fuel pier. Several people on the dock tried to push the boat away from the pier to prevent the fire from spreading to other vessels.

The bulk of the fire was knocked by 2:58 p.m. Two seriously burned civilians were transported to the Johns Hopkins Bayview Burn Center. Another civilian was transported to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center with less serious burns.

About 25 Fire Department units responded to this call, including marine units from Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Company and North Point Edgemere.

August 20: 3-Alarm Fire on Winters Lane

At 1:13 a.m., crews were dispatched for a dwelling fire at 38 Winters Lane, Box 04-19. When they arrived, they found a divided duplex with the deck engulfed in flames and quickly called for a second alarm. By 2:01 a.m. a third alarm was required.

Four occupants self-evacuated, and an adult female was treated on the scene for minor burns. A firefighter suffered minor injuries and was also treated on the scene.



Fire at 38 Winters Lane
Box 04-19

2013 Retirements

The Fire Department said goodbye to 27 sworn and civilian members who retired in 2013.

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



Captain Marion Davidson with Chief John Hohman

PM/FF Gary Rains	January 8, 2013
Lieutenant Jimmie Mezick	January 16, 2013
Captain Mark Goodwin	February 17, 2013
FS Michael Rupp	February 18, 2013
FF/EMT James Shelton	February 19, 2013
PM/FF Cheryl Gilbert	April 5, 2013
FF/EMT Ketti Dutterer	April 16, 2013
Office Coordinator Carmen Burke	April 27, 2013
Captain Frederick Trentzsch	May 16, 2013
PM/FF Kimberly Roland	June 16, 2013
Captain Albert Long Jr.	June 18, 2013
FADO Dennis Linker	June 21, 2013
FS John Schreiber Sr.	June 21, 2013
FS George Drees	June 22, 2013
FS Gary Moses	July 17, 2013
Captain Thomas Schaech	August 2, 2013
PM/FF Terri Hill	August 19, 2013
Lieutenant Mary Anuszewski	August 29, 2013
FS Donald Becker	September 5, 2013
Captain Marion Davidson	September 18, 2013
FADO Wayne Redding	September 29, 2013
PM Victoria Coyle	November 17, 2013
Lieutenant William Reter	November 19, 2013
Captain Donald McKeldin	November 20, 2013
FADO Robert Chaney	November 23, 2013
Lieutenant Gary Wheeler	December 17, 2013
FADO John Moeller	December 19, 2013



Office Coordinator Carmen Burke



FS Ron Schreiber, FS John Schreiber Sr. and Lieutenant John Schreiber Jr.



PM/FF Kim Roland, with Chief Hohman

In Memoriam

This year, the Baltimore County Fire Department lost 10 retired members. They remain in our hearts and prayers.

Wayne Ernest	January 27, 2013
James Radomsky	March 24, 2013
George Haas	March 24, 2013
Thomas Bowling	April 15, 2013
John Lloyd	April 28, 2013
Jeffrey Robertson	June 3, 2013
Donald Drenner	August 29, 2013
Howard Snyder	September 15, 2013
James Hamer	December 1, 2013
Thomas Harry	December 2, 2013



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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