



STAFF REPORT

January 21, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Dulaney Room

Report No.: 14-02

Office of the Fire Chief

John J. Hohman, Chief

ATTENDEES: Chief Hohman, Assistant Chiefs Hubbard and Preis, Chief of Staff Stewart, Division Chiefs Ewers, Kuruc, Miller and Robinson, Battalion Chiefs DiPaula, Hill, Hughes, Kimbel, Hughes, Lurz, Tome, and Utz, Directors Griffin, Murphy and Rogers, and Executive Secretary Thomas

Safety Reminder: Seat Belts Are Not Optional - Buckle-Up!

FIRST ALARM BLOG: [HTTP://BCNET.CO.BA.MD.US/AGENCIES/FIRE/FIRSTALARM](http://bcnet.co.ba.md.us/agencies/fire/firstalarm)

An ongoing dialogue about events, best practices, achievements and other matters of interest to members of the Baltimore County Fire Service.

STAFF REPORTS

CHIEF HOHMAN

- Congratulated the following staff for winning United Way drawings:
 - FADO Jerome Gilmore (1-B) - a week off
 - Fire Capt. Franklin Penn (18-D) and FS Timothy Tribble - \$25
- Thanked Oscar Shapiro for his many years of service on the Commendations Board and congratulated Tom Ludwig (Wise Avenue VFD) on his appointment as BCVFA representative.
- Thanked the Fairfax County IAFF Local 2068 for giving 500 coats to the Baltimore County Local 1311, which were donated as a result of a very successful "Coats for Kids" campaign in Fairfax. The coats will be distributed through the Department of Health and Human Services to local needy children.

ASSISTANT CHIEF HUBBARD

- Along with Fire Lt. Jay Ringgold, attended a meeting with the Departments of Aging and Health and Social Services on January 17 to discuss the efficacy of using the Bykota Senior center in Towson as an additional warming center/shelter as needed.

ASSISTANT CHIEF PREIS

- Along with Fire Chief Hohman and AC Hubbard, met with the leaders of the BCVFA on January 10.
- Attended the BCVFA Senior Officers and Association meeting on January 16 at Hereford VFC.
- Work continues on the new Towson Fire Station.
- Attended several retirement events. Congratulations to all retirees.

COS STEWART

FIRE CAPTAIN TUDOR'S REPORT

- **FIRE MAINTENANCE TIP** - It is important to properly fill out and complete Forms 111 and 189 that are emailed to Fire Maintenance. Please pay be sure to enter the unit number on the line marked vehicle number (i.e. M-17, E-60, etc.). Also, on the line marked Fuel Card #, please enter the five digit number that is labeled on the front of the unit (i.e. 25176). Please contact Fire Maintenance or FM-2 FADO Manis if you have any questions, we will be glad to assist you.
- Continuing to work with companies that have received new engines and ladder trucks.
- Thanks to all the station supply officers for working with me to improve the process of ordering supplies.
- **BREATHING APPARATUS REPORT:**

Item	Previous Report	Current Report	Current Total
Air-Paks	0	36	36
Masks	0	12	12
Cylinders	0	0	0
Cascades	0	3	3
Fit Tests	0	0	0
Oxygen Repairs	0	20	20

- BSRs - 24 PLYMOVENT - 8

DIVISION CHIEF KURUC

- Recognized the crew of M-110, EMT/FF Daniel Warchol and PM Rachael Heyer, and Acting EMS Lt. Robert Patrylak for their work in a successful high risk breach birth in the back of the medic unit on January 1, 2014. The initial APGAR score was poor, but after reassessment five minutes inside Labor and Delivery, the newborn was pink with no obvious complications and an excellent score. Baby and mother were discharged from the hospital on January 3.

DIVISION CHIEF MILLER

- Thanked Andrew Owlett (Co. 44 and BCVFA Homeland Security Committee member) for instructing the “Incident Response to Terrorism Class” at Owings Mills VFC on January 14 and 18. This was a very informative class and he plans to offer the class again in the near future.

Station 31

Paul Schapiro	Jospeh Iman	Jamard Bentley
Henry Horner	Alicia Garrison	Anthony Travis
Ivan Opher	Philippe Manon	Dale Bollinger
Larry Trump	William Heller Jr.	Brandon Shepperd
David Krause	Marci Catlett	Brian Kalinowski
Jon Hickey	Emily Franklin	Mark Lazerow

Station 46

Morgan Phillips	Matthew Blagmon
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Station 50

Gilbert Edwards Walter Kasura II

Baltimore County FD

FS Wayne Wagner	FS Francis Ward	FADO Lawrence Lamont
LT Ronald Bursey	EMT/FF Karen Meyers	LT Terri Reid
EMT/FF Katarion Jackson	LT Gerald Krause Jr.	Capt. Jeffrey Snyder
Capt. Phillip Stevens	FS Timothy DeCoursey	FADO James Westervelt
FF/EMT Adam Zoltowski	Capt. Timothy Berkeridge	Capt. Richard Lannen
EMT Robert Shiflet	PM/FF Samuel Sauers	FADO Richard Haymaker
PM/FF Stanley Hunkovic	FS David Badders	DC Stephen Miller
LT William Ullrich	FS Ronald Mintz	CAPT Brian Rayner
FADO Roy Leatherwood	FF/EMT Joseph Zeiler III	LT Kellie Roody
LT L. Allen Roody	FS Allen Dutterer Jr.	LT Steven Miller
Capt. Daniel Plunkert	FADO Wayne Hipsley	PM/FF Jason Russell
PFF Connor Risner	EMT Steven Pearsall	EMT Latina Dorsey
Capt. Jeffrey Kreimer	EMT/FF Scott Wittbecker	EMT Terrilyn Brown

- Several questions have been raised regarding callback procedures. The following clarifications concerning SOP Personnel 30 should assist:
 - The vacancy occurs when someone takes off or calls in sick, not when the position is filled.
 - When a station has an adequate number of officers to function, an officer should not be called back regardless of time.
 - Should a person decline a callback or fail to return an offering of a callback, the employee will be treated the same regardless if the offering is "in" or "out" of the battalion.
- Attended the following meetings:
 - January 8 - Association of Contingency Planners at T. Rowe Price
 - January 8 - Hazard Vulnerability Assessment at Northwest Hospital
 - January 13 - Star-Spangled Spectacular Planning at MEMA
 - January 13 - National Weather Service's Winter Forecasting Tools Webinar
 - January 14 - Star-Spangled Spectacular Planning at Baltimore City Public Safety Academy
- A cardiac arrest survivor visited the Texas Fire Station on January 11 and had breakfast with C-shift and the personnel who saved his life. In addition, the citizen generously made a donation to Local 1311, Victims Assistance and Education Fund, for the promotion of community CPR initiatives. His donation was received by Local 1311 Trustee Mark Wiley. (pictured right)



DIVISION CHIEF ROBINSON

- The Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) program has been in effect for nearly two months. We recognize that there are some issues and they are being addressed currently with the 911 Communications Center staff and Fire Dispatch. Please be patient as we continue to identify and resolve issues. A field feedback form was distributed to all officers and this should be used to identify any EFD or EMD specific issues and forwarded to the 911 Center.
- This weekend is the annual Maryland Weekend at the NFA and many of our personnel will be attending and taking courses ranging from “Politics and the White Helmet to ICS Functions for EMS”. Historically, the BCoFD has had the highest enrollment for this program.
- The special operations teams (USAR and HazMat) are finalizing some team training for the next several months which will include a regional HazMat tech program in concert with the other Baltimore regional teams. The USAR will be hosting a regional rope rescue program. The regional approach provides the opportunity to train together and to enhance our capabilities by partnering with other jurisdictions.
- DC Robinson recently provided a presentation on the CSX train incident to the BCoPD and their private security partners.
- Congratulations to PFF Andrew Hays (11-A) on being cleared to function as an acting EMT on the medic unit.
- Meetings and Events attended:
 - 1/8/14: Presentation for Association of Contingency Planners at T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills
 - 1/9/14: Presentation for BCoPD/Private Security Association
 - 1/12/14: MC for Lt. Anuszewski Retirement Event-Arbutus VFC
 - 1/13/14: Teach FO-III Program- Station 3
 - 1/14/14: Response Committee meeting-911 Center
 - 1/15/14: Viewing-Captain Meadows (mother)
 - 1/16-1/19: National Pro-Board Conference/Meeting: Florida

BATTALION CHIEF DiPAULA

- On January 7, crews responded to a dwelling fire on Hilltop Road in a 36-4 fire box. Crews did an excellent job to extinguish the fire in bitter cold conditions.
- The next COOP planning meeting will take place on January 30 at 1000 hours, in the Dulaney Room at the Public Safety Building.

BATTALION CHIEF HUGHES

- Crews did an outstanding job on a recent fire on Back River Neck Road in Essex. The initial arriving crews faced heavy fire in an attic area and second floor of a heavily modified structure. Fire Lt. Stacharowski from E-7 did an outstanding job maintaining a strong command presence and crews maintained tactical discipline consistent with SOP Tactical 08. In addition, ventilation was well coordinated with fire attack and was therefore very effective. (pictured below)



- The After Action Report (AAR) for the 6-2 fire box with multiple rescues on Four George's Court has been posted on the BCNet. It can be viewed by choosing the Fire Training Resources link on the left side of the Fire Department's section of BCNet or by clicking here:
<http://bcnet.co.ba.md.us/agencies/fire/firerescueacademy/training/index.html>
- AARs are an important tool to serve as a template for training and as a mechanism for learning from real life situations. If you respond on an incident that merits development of an AAR, contact Fire Captain Julia Dillard (1-C), Fire Captain Jack Amrhein (57-C) or BC Ken Hughes (BC-32) to begin the process.
- A citizen called the Golden Ring Fire Station and was very emotional as she thanked the crews who responded to her home on Glenmore Avenue when it caught fire Christmas morning. She commented how professional all of the crews were and how understanding they were during such a difficult time.

BATTALION CHIEF KIMBEL

- Attended the Scott Breathing Apparatus tracking and accountability demonstration at Fire Headquarters.
- The Promotional and Commendations Ceremony will be held on March 11, 2014 at Goucher College, starting at 1900 hours.
- The new portable radios have been distributed to the 3rd Battalion. Thanked Fire Lt. John Milby for all his hard work with this project.
- A great time was had by all who attended Fire Captain Donald McKeldin's retirement party on January 18.
- BC Kimbel will be assisting BC Hill and Director Rogers with the MSA Breathing Apparatus demonstrations. Feel free to contact BC Kimbel to schedule a demonstration. Battalion drills are preferred.

BATTALION CHIEF LURZ

- Congratulations to EMS Lt. Tracey Marvel for completing the Office of Human Resources Professional Development Certificate Program. (pictured below)



- Companies that could respond to the Sparrows Point facility should be aware that there is a ore recovery effort underway at the facility. This effort involves excavating 300' x 100' x 50' trenches in the former ore off-loading areas to recover the iron ore that has spilled there over the facility's many years of operation. Companies responding to the excavation areas should consider requesting trench rescue resources from the Texas Fire Station if needed. (pictured below)



BATTALION CHIEF TOME

- President Max King presented the Bowleys Quarters VFC of the Year Award to Rick Fisher III at their Installation of Officers held January 8. (pictured below)



BATTALION CHIEF UTZ

- Attended a meeting at North Oaks in preparation for the Elder Abuse Awareness Day event to be held at the Owings Mills library on June 13.
- Met with members of the CISM team on January 16. Welcomed FADO Steve Yealdhall as the new team leader for the 1st Battalion and thanked PM/FF Linda Sears for her work over the past several years. Linda will remain as the team's point of contact to the ICISF.
- Held a planning meeting for the pedestrian safety initiative last week. Thanked Fire Chief Hohman and AC Kyrle Preis for their support, as well as Fire Captain Tom Hoffman and EMS Captain Kim Glaze for their participation.
- Attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration and Installation of Officers at the English Consul VFD on January 18.

FIRE DIRECTOR GRIFFIN

- **ALS Skills Checks**
ALS competency evaluations are ongoing. All ALS providers must complete the evaluation by March 1, 2014. This will apply to ALL ALS providers, both career and volunteer, that have Baltimore County as their primary affiliation.
- **ALS Recertification**
All personnel who are scheduled to recertify their ALS license in 2014 should have already begun to enter their information into the online National Registry site. If there are any questions about this process, contact EMS Lt. Paul Massarelli at the FRA.
- **Training**
Shock Trauma's Advanced Airway Course for experienced ALS providers will be January 31, March 28 and May16. This class is offered to Maryland EMS providers who already have their paramedic license and want to refresh and sharpen their skills. These classes run from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., and require about 2 - 3 hours of online pre-course work. If you would like to register please email DClapp@umm.edu with the date you would like to attend, your name, affiliation, MIEMSS provider level and number, and email address you would like to use for the class, along with a phone number. These

classes are limited in size so please commit to your space. The class is open to individuals that not have attended in the last 3 years.

- All personnel shall complete the MIEMSS required online training **Maryland eMEDS Call Disposition Update**. Sign into the Maryland EMS Providers Online Training Center for this training. Training is to be completed by January 31, 2014. Printed completion certificates will be collected by station officers.
- Winterfest EMS 2014 will be held on January 23-26 at Harrison’s Chesapeake House on Tilghman Island. This four-day conference offers many different topics that are outside the normal EMS recertification program. More information can be found here: <http://www.miemss.org/home/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=vYYWCV63S6A%3d&tabid=161&mid=569>
- On Tuesday January 28, at 1700 hours, University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center will be holding an educational program that focuses on EKG interpretation and review. Food will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Angela Kratz RN, EMS Liaison. Email angelamichelekratz@umm.edu or call: Office (410) 337-1871 Cell: (443) 271-3312.
- The Annual EMS Today Conference will be held in Washington D.C. from February 5 - 8. This Event guide has a detailed explanation of every seminar offered. <http://digital.pennwell.com/pennwellevents/emstoday2014prelimguide#pg1> General information can be found here <http://www.emstoday.com/index.html>.
- **Active Shooter Committee**
On Monday January 6, a Joint Committee of Local 1311 Executive Officers and Baltimore County Police and Fire Department personnel met to address active shooter considerations. The focus of the Committee is to discuss objectives related to active shooter response, scene management and agency roles. The goal is to provide a training program that will increase interagency cooperation, provide for personnel safety, and reduce morbidity and mortality related to these types of events.
- **Attendances**
 - 12/10 - Region III Jurisdictional Advisory Council
 - 1/8 - MIEMSS Protocol Review Committee
 - 1/13 - Region III Health & Medical Task Force

FIRE DIRECTOR ROGERS

- Safety Report:

REPORT DATE: January 21, 2014			
	Total	Year-to-Date Total	Comparison YTD 2013 Total
<u>VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:</u>			Through: 1/21/13
14-004 - 14-005	2	5	7
<u>INJURIES:</u>			
003 - 008	6	8	6
<u>EXPOSURES:</u>			
Clinical: 1/8/14 - 1/21/14	1	1	2
Environmental: 1/8/14 - 1/21/14	0	0	0
Industrial: 1/8/14 - 1/21/14	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPOSURES:	1	1	

RECOGNITION

- EMT/FF Jake Stuart thanked **Captain Jack Amrhein**, members of the **Sparrows Point Fire Station**, the **FRA staff** and volunteers from the **White Marsh VFC** welcoming his brother Sgt. David Stuart, Jr. home from Afghanistan with cards and a gift. It was very appreciated and felt it was an incredible show of support for the military.
- **Fire Lt. Phillip Hebert** of the Brooklandville Fire Station was thanked by the District of Columbia, Department of the Environment, for his participation in their recent Hazmat Officers Seminar.
- **PM/FF Daniel Finke and PEMT Christopher Ray** were thanked by a Towson resident for the care they provided to her when she needed to be transported to the hospital.
- Colonel M. Kim Ward of the Police Department wrote thanking **DC Michael Robinson** for the outstanding presentation he gave on the Route 40 train derailment.
- **PM/FF John Perry and PFF Christopher Hunter** were recognized by Rose Hebermehl-Gosnell, a Social Worker at MedStar Franklin Square Hospital. She remarked "...they went above and beyond the call of duty and [I] was so impressed with everything about both of them..."
- The daughter of a citizen that went into cardiac arrest thanked the crew below. She wrote, "I know the early care you gave him helped him survive."

EMT Kevin Nixon

PM Giovanni Lumaro

PM Luke Single

EMS Lt. John Cromwell

EMT/FF Matthew Schultz

Next Staff meeting: Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dulaney Room