

ON SCENE



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Promotions



DEAR FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS



You will see more photos in this month's *ON SCENE* than ever before. In fact, they're not just on the cover; they are the cover story.

These promotional photos, which begin on page 4, represent diligence and personal accomplishments. They also portray how our department is experiencing a significant transition. This year, we've said farewell to a large wave of experienced personnel who retired. Simultaneously, we have empowered a new generation of leaders through promotions. The addition of rescue units has also created a series of promotions.

JFRD has gone through this transitional cycle before. It is daunting and exciting.

On one hand, retirements have outpaced hires this year, and before Recruit Class 113, the number of firefighter vacancies peaked at 120. That was a strain upon our system and each of you. It's still an issue, but more relief is on the way as we welcome 36 recruits to JFRD this month. Hiring more uniformed personnel will remain a priority, and we have support from City Hall and City Council to do so. Our elected officials understand that hiring is a must to maintain minimum staffing in the near future, to manage overtime costs and to be effective in our service delivery.

On the other hand, JFRD has dozens of new officers who are eager to strengthen the foundation that our seasoned officers and retirees have built over time. That is exciting and important to our future. It's also why I committed to meeting with each member who was promoted to personally congratulate him or her, to celebrate the accomplishment, and to reinforce each officer's and engineer's value to our department.

JFRD's new lieutenants, captains and chiefs may introduce concepts to improve how we conduct and manage the business of emergency response. And like all municipalities, ours is interested in seeking efficiencies and cost-savings, so fresh ideas are welcome. So is the reinforcement of what already works, like focusing on the value of excellent customer service, treating one another with respect, remaining sharp in our core competencies and ensuring that our appearance is always professional. Please remember that improvement is a broad spectrum, and an idea doesn't have to be a quantum leap or some extraordinary innovation to be effective and to make a legitimate difference.

I would encourage each of our new officers to consider his or her new role as more than just added responsibility. Each of you has an opportunity to mentor, to facilitate positive change, to pursue efficiency and to make the difference that you have envisioned. This holds for those who just earned their bugles or bars as well as those who have ridden in the right hand seat for many years. And to our new and experienced engineers, I ask you to always consider your vital role in guarding the safety of everyone you drive.

During the most recent round of officers' meetings at the Training Academy, we covered plenty of details, heard some great ideas, and listened to your frustrations. I join my division chiefs in thanking each of you for sharing your thoughts and taking the meetings seriously. There will be future gatherings, but please remind yourself each shift how relevant your influence is as a leader. Make a difference while you can because retirement gets closer with each passing shift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Senterfitt'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Marty Senterfitt
Director/Fire Chief

62 Taking Shape



Fire Station 62 on Bartram Park Boulevard is scheduled to open in early 2014. The \$2.3 million facility, photographed Nov. 19, will house an engine and a full-time rescue unit. Its footprint is 9,000 square feet and includes three bays and three separate quarters for officers. In addition to improving response times on fire and EMS calls, the addition of fire suppression apparatus and crews is expected to improve the ISO/Public Protection Classification for the surrounding area.

Backdraft Shatters Windows, Forces Firefighters to Ground



Crews responding to a Nov. 4 fire inside a restaurant on University Boulevard near Beach Boulevard experienced a backdraft minutes after initial entry. There were no reports of firefighter injuries, but the blast destroyed the structure's windows, propelled shards of glass more than 75 feet and knocked some personnel to the ground.

Engine 20-A's Lt. Todd Kasica and his crew were first on scene. Kasica and E-20's Firefighter Jennifer Parramore were inside the structure during the backdraft, the force of which pushed them to the floor. "I've never been put down like that before," said Kasica, who said he witnessed a fireball from the corner of his eye. "I attribute the fact that I didn't get hurt to my fire gear." Crews from TL-21 were on the roof at the time and also were jolted as was L-4's crew at ground level. Additional units responding: AIR 5, E-5, E-13, E-19, E-21, L-44, T-28, FIRE 1, FIRE 3 (Incident Command), FIRE 4, R-19, R-20, R-28 and R-103.



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**Fire Prevention Division Chief Kevin Jones
District Chief Robert Bullock**



Battalion Chief Greg Dempsey



District Chief Dave Castleman



Capt. Jeff Braswell



Capt. Joe Burns



Capt. Gary Collins



Capt. Howard Davidson, III



Capt. James Groff

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Capt. William Held



Capt. James Kane



Capt. Eric Mitchell



Capt. Frank Rogers



Capt. Danny Rushing



Capt. David Rutkowski



Capt. Eileen Teston



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Lt. Daniel Arms



Lt. Caleb Baker



Lt. Jeff Baker



Lt. Ryan Bayliss



Lt. Dallas Butler



Lt. Wesley Chambers



Lt. Jason Gray



Lt. Billy Green

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Lt. Jason Hale



Lt. Ryan Nicholas



Lt. Phillip Orelli



Lt. Stephen Priester



Lt. Eric Prosswimmer



Lt. Tyler Ring



Lt. Mike Salazar



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Lt. Brandon Smith



Lt. Jimmie Snipes



Lt. Tim Torbett



Lt. Todd Treadwell



Lt. Mike Virtue



Lt. Rod Ziriak



Eng. Taylor Artel



Eng. Chuck Baldwin

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Eng. Pete Bilodeau



Eng. Johnnie Buchanan



Eng. Josh Bullard



Eng. Kyle Callahan



Eng. Jasper Carter



Eng. Troy Cole



Eng. Brandon Conn



Eng. Carly Dennison

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Eng. Troy Denson



Eng. Bobby Dopson



Eng. Paul Evans



Eng. Josh Gartenbush



Eng. Clark Gladden



Eng. Derek Golden



Eng. Shawn Hall



Eng. Robert Hane

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Eng. Eric Hansen



Eng. Michael Hargrove



Eng. Ryan Haynes



Eng. Cody Hellum



Eng. Ryan Hern



Eng. Scott Holechek



Eng. Nnaemeka Ibeabuchi



Eng. Jason Jones

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Eng. Tavien Jones



Eng. Brian Kernohan



Eng. Alex Kimmel



Eng. Willie King



Eng. Doug Kirkendall



Eng. Joe Lesperance



Eng. Robert Lewis



Eng. Roger Lewis, Jr.

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Eng. Aaron Lundy



Eng. Joe Mancino



Eng. Josh Miller



Eng. Chad Mills



Eng. Fred Mooneyham



Eng. Corey Nail



Eng. Chris Pellicer



Eng. Stephen Pullen

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Eng. Christopher Ray



Eng. Chad Remsen



Eng. Joseph Rica



Eng. Tommy Romano



Eng. Travis Sad



Eng. Chris Scott



Eng. Mike Scott



Eng. Sean Seng

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Eng. Brandon Shindler



Eng. Ryan Smith



Eng. Howard Smothers



Eng. Robert Spencer



Eng. Yuriko Stowers



Eng. Harry Strayer



Eng. Eric Struble



Eng. David Szarmack

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Eng. Michael Wells

Personnel promoted after April who are not pictured include:

Capt. Jill McElwee
Capt. Omayra Conner
Eng. Scott Abell
Eng. Matt Carey
Eng. Joshua Cook

Eng. Anthony Douglas
Eng. Jason Hermann
Eng. Alan Hopper
Eng. Jack Mounce
Eng. Jeremy Schillo

Ladder 158 Has Arrived



If you were at the Training Academy recently, you might have noticed crews training on Ladder 158, which is actually a quint. When placed into service next month, Station 58 Capt. Roosevelt Prier will oversee the apparatus which includes a 500-gallon tank, a two-stage 1,500 gpm Waterous pump, and a 75-foot aerial device. Lt. Ashley Burkhalter (Engine 31), Lt. Chris Lewis (Engine 21) and TAC Support Manager David Johnson helped develop Ladder 158's specs. Station 7's Capt. Steve Riska assisted Prier, Johnson, and Operations Division Chief Kurt Wilson with the quint's final inspection. *ON SCENE* will feature Ladder 158 in the next issue, but to see more photos now, visit www.flickr.com/photos/jfrdonscene/sets

October 2013 Call Volumes

RESCUES

R28	.375
R4	.375
R22	.347
R30	.338
R19	.336
R2	.321
R17	.315
R1	.303
R21	.298
R20	.297
R31	.293
R34	.288
R15	.287
R24	.279
R27	.273
R13	.270
R25	.268
R7	.267
R5	.261
R36	.249
R51	.249
R32	.237
R52	.234
R35	.220
R54	.205
R58	.200
R71	.194
R55	.192
R42	.188
R50	.185

R70	.160
R87	.153
R59	.150
R33	.148
R57	.148
R23	.146
R86	.145
R85	.142
R81	.141
R84	.129
R49	.127
R53	.089
R46	.051
R43	.041
R40	.025
R45	.011

ENGINES

E28	.434
E19	.365
E22	.343
E31	.319
E51	.288
E18	.280
E44	.280
E20	.278
E10	.271
E27	.268
E152	.265
E25	.264
E4	.260
E34	.259

E36	.257
E30	.255
E32	.249
E1	.247
E9	.243
E24	.237
E21	.217
E2	.211
E13	.207
E42	.204
E150	.198
E17	.195
E7	.184
E37	.177
E154	.171
E55	.166
E135	.164
E5	.163
E12	.156
E59	.156
E14	.145
E58	.136
E11	.131
E29	.131
E33	.130
E26	.129
E57	.110
E41	.102
E16	.091
E49	.088
E23	.082

E53	.058
E46	.052
E48	.045
E56	.042
HAZ7	.025
E143	.024
HAZ21	.011
E45	.008
HR4	.007
E40	.006

LADDERS

L30	.209
L28	.190
L44	.136
L31	.124
TL21	.124
TL9	.123
L34	.110
L10	.107
L1	.106
L4	.086
L18	.084
L26	.052

TANKERS (Top 5)

T28	.077
T52	.074
T31	.040
T29	.024
T42	.022

BRUSH TRUCKS (Top 5)

BR42	.10
BR50	.06
BR31	.05
BR57	.05
BR35	.03

MARINE UNITS

M140	.08
M40	.03
M138	.02
M39	.02

FIELD CHIEFS

F3	.126
R104	.122
R105	.110
F4	.088
R103	.087
F5	.073
F9	.072
F7	.071
F6	.062
F1	.058
F2	.051
F8	.035

OCTOBER TOTALS

EMS	8,637
FIRE	1,622
NON-EMR	183
Total Calls	10,442

September 2013 Call Volumes

RESCUES

R4	.378
R28	.358
R22	.357
R30	.341
R2	.329
R17	.325
R1	.321
R31	.319
R19	.314
R7	.300
R20	.294
R21	.290
R15	.285
R5	.283
R36	.278
R32	.276
R13	.267
R24	.266
R25	.260
R34	.244
R51	.240
R52	.230
R27	.208
R42	.208
R54	.206
R50	.200
R55	.197
R35	.194
R58	.185
R71	.185

R59	.160
R23	.157
R70	.157
R87	.156
R85	.154
R84	.146
R33	.145
R57	.141
R81	.134
R86	.130
R49	.094
R53	.082
R46	.066
R43	.042
R40	.030
R45	.019

ENGINES

E28	.416
E22	.350
E31	.341
E19	.331
E30	.327
E10	.318
E18	.318
E25	.296
E51	.294
E1	.274
E32	.266
E44	.265
E9	.264
E152	.259

E21	.257
E24	.245
E36	.244
E42	.235
E20	.232
E34	.230
E2	.228
E27	.220
E150	.217
E4	.212
E37	.193
E7	.191
E12	.181
E5	.173
E13	.170
E17	.166
E154	.163
E58	.162
E14	.155
E33	.146
E59	.146
E135	.145
E55	.136
E26	.120
E11	.115
E29	.113
E57	.113
E41	.111
E23	.101
E49	.086
E53	.064

E16	.057
E46	.053
HAZ7	.046
E48	.036
E143	.034
E56	.030
E45	.013
E40	.012
HAZ21	.012
AIR5	.008
HR4	.006

LADDERS

L28	.221
L31	.172
L44	.158
L30	.134
L18	.130
L1	.124
L10	.121
L4	.111
TL21	.106
L34	.086
TL9	.064
L26	.049

TANKERS (Top 5)

T52	.053
T31	.050
T28	.049
T42	.037
T33	.024
T54	.024

BRUSH TRUCKS (Top 5)

BR42	.15
BR57	.08
BR31	.05
BR35	.03
BR50	.02

MARINE UNITS

M39	.09
M138	.02
M140	.02
M40	.02

FIELD CHIEFS

F3	.153
R104	.126
R105	.116
R103	.095
F4	.088
F6	.072
F1	.071
F5	.069
F7	.062
F9	.054
F2	.043
F8	.029

SEPTEMBER TOTALS

EMS	8,616
FIRE	1,164
NON-EMR	163
Total Calls	9,943