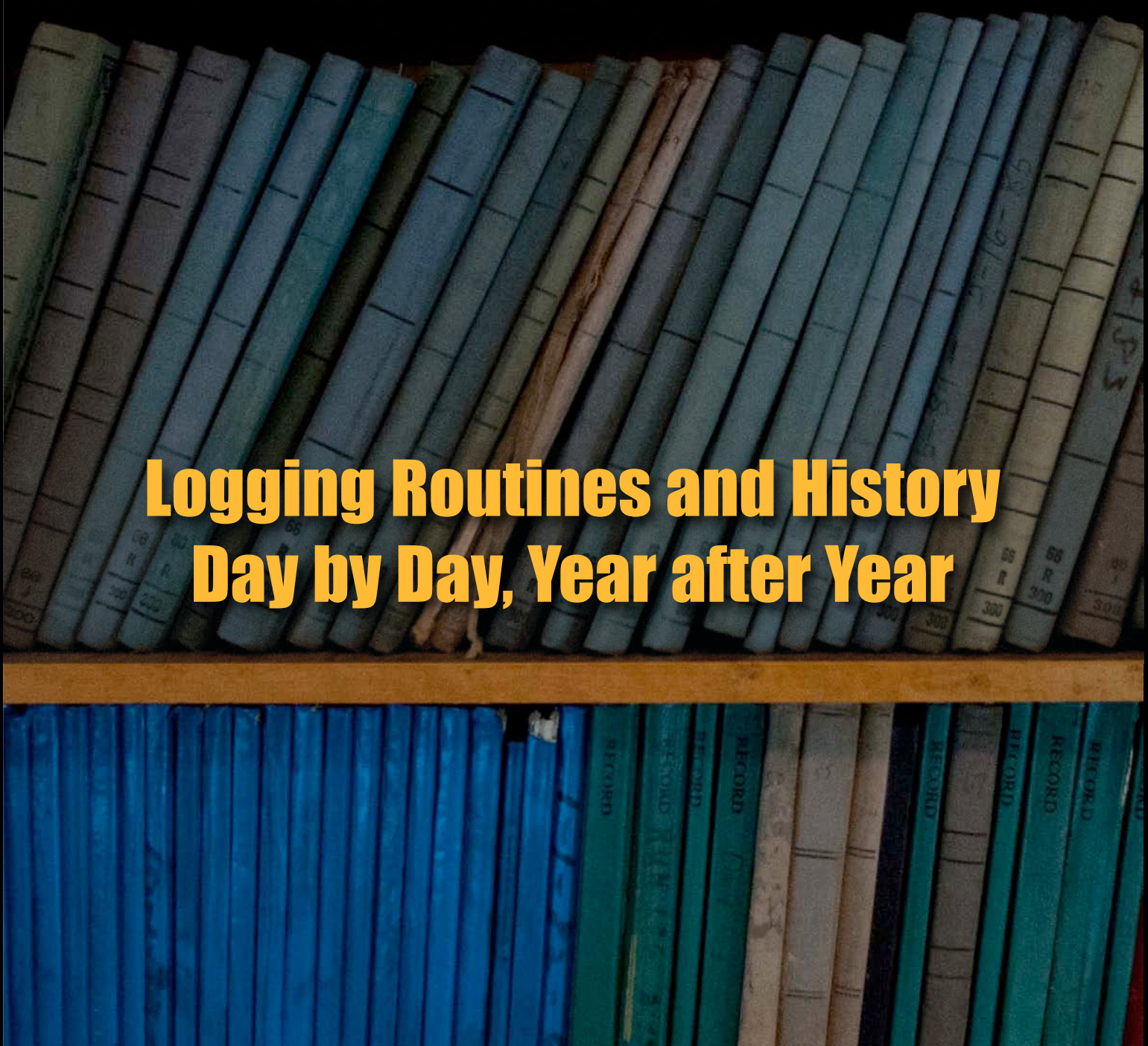


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September 2012



Logging Routines and History Day by Day, Year after Year

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DEAR FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS

More than 100 people attended last month's town hall meeting at FSCJ's Kent Campus about Fire Station 14.

Council Member Jim Love, whose district includes 14's territory, organized the meeting so his constituents and anyone interested could get the facts about the concept of replacing Engine 14 with a rescue unit. My role for the evening was presenting the rationale behind the concept and then, most importantly, listening to the citizens' concerns and answering their questions.

I first reassured the citizens that no decisions had been made about Station 14. Then I encouraged everyone in the audience to make his or her best effort to listen to the logic of operating a rescue unit at 14. I also asked them to separate their emotions from that logic. Making the distinction would help them understand the details I needed to share, especially the data pertaining to EMS calls and improving rescue response times by as much as three minutes in 14's territory.

At least 20 people asked questions or voiced their concerns. When the meeting concluded, two facts were crystal clear. First, the citizens are passionate about Station 14 and the protection we provide. Second, not all of them support replacing Engine 14 with a rescue unit, despite the fact that EMS is the overwhelming majority of JFRD's business.

Numerous JFRD members also attended off duty, and some of them spoke in support of keeping the engine. I shared publicly how much I appreciated their presence, their passion for Engine 14, and for caring about the department.

As of this writing, I haven't made any decisions about Station 14, but our department will continue to evolve to best meet demands for service. Alongside my Division Chiefs, I have to implement the most effective plan within a variety of constraints in the upcoming fiscal year and beyond. These plans and operational decisions will include logic based on thorough analysis. That is my promise to you, to the citizens we serve and to our elected officials.

Some of the changes may not be popular, which can trigger a variety of emotions. As our department is forced to adapt, please consider the logic of operational changes and the budgetary factors behind them. And please make an honest effort to separate your emotions from that logic.

I am also interested in hearing your ideas for improving how we deliver services and how we can become more efficient. You may e-mail your ideas to me, or better yet, present them for discussion during the next round of Ask the Fire Chief sessions that I will schedule this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Senterfitt', with a stylized, flowing script.

Marty Senterfitt
Director/Fire Chief

On the Cover:

Station 12 is one of numerous fire stations with Log Books and Run Books dating back several decades. Hand-written Log Books have recently been reinstated for officers in charge of suppression and rescue apparatus. Sometimes, the daily entries take on historical value and make for interesting reading. Story, page. 4.

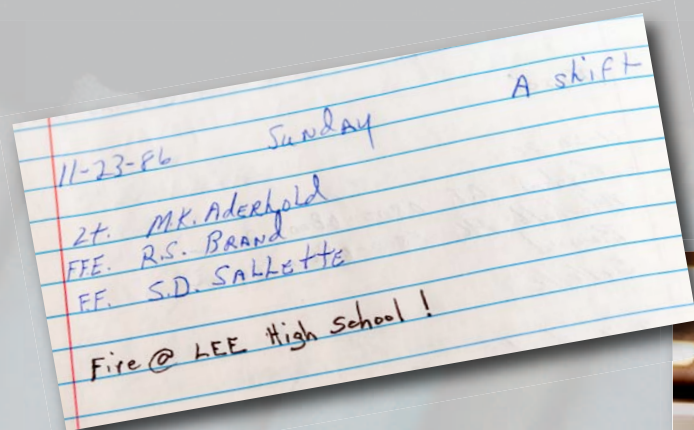


Little Box Big Flag

(Above) Ladder 1 and Ladder 30 prepare to raise the United States flag outside EverBank Field as part of a Sept. 11 commemoration event. (L-R) Ladder 1's Eng. Gordon Owenby and Capt. Andy Reagor, Ladder 30's Lt. Brian Crolley, Ladder 1's Firefighter Arthur Gray, Ladder 30's Firefighter Darrold McArthur and Ladder 1's Eng. Ted Blackwell.

(Left Photo) Moments after arriving at EverBank Field, Mayor Alvin Brown (center) joined the ladder crews as they hoisted the 20 x 35-foot flag into position on the stadium's eastside. In addition to Mayor Brown, Director/Fire Chief Marty Senterfitt and Sheriff John Rutherford spoke at the event.

Log Books Present History and More in Brief



Many of JFRD's officers have been wonderful historians, though they probably never realized it.

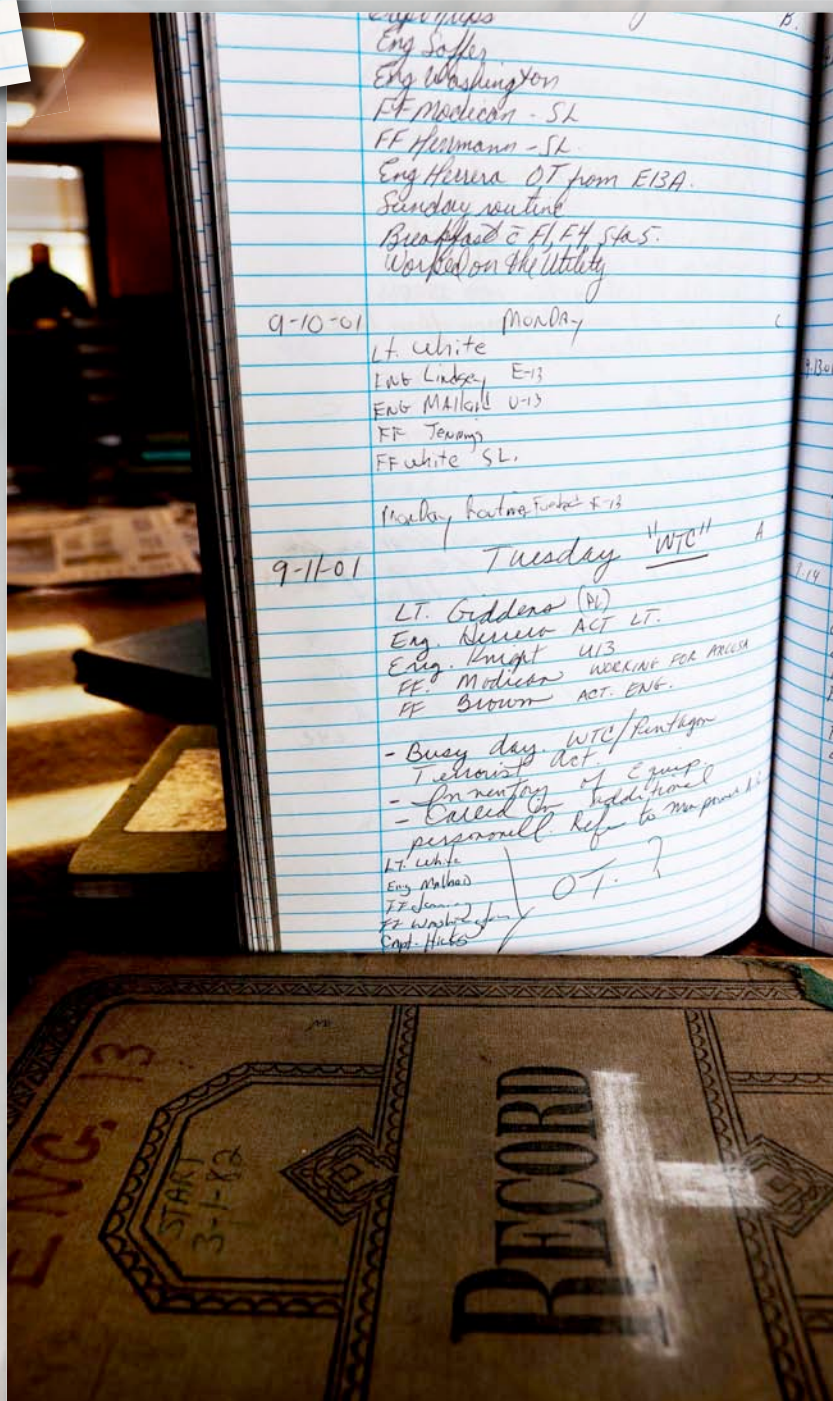
Over the years, as Lieutenants and Captains recorded their daily entries into log books, they filled the pages with brief descriptions of their shifts' activities, significant calls, and other practical details.

Whether it's the writing style, a memorable run or the nuances of leadership and station life, the details can make for interesting reading. For example, there was the entry about the firefighter who preferred to lie down in the back of the engine cab after a run. The officer's concise words made it clear to the entire crew that trying to nap while returning to the station was unacceptable. Then there was the "DIRECT ORDER!!!" to wash towels used outside the station separately from those used inside. Turn back the calendar far enough, and you'll find entries about mildewed hose that was cleaned and dried in sunlight.

Some entries are truly historical, though very simple. "Fire at Lee High School!" "Roosevelt Hotel Gen. Alarm" "Busy day. WTC/Pentagon" "Reported to Garage Collapse."

As of August, apparatus log books are once again part of an officer's daily routine. There are requirements as defined by Instructional Bulletin #12-29, but the daily entries are also an opportunity to participate in recording the history of your career, your crew and the department.

Retired Lt. Mark Aderhold (Engine 10) was brief in describing the Nov. 24, 1986 three-alarm fire at Lee High School. The call came in around 5 a.m. the Monday before Thanksgiving. The fire destroyed the library, numerous classrooms and caused more than \$4 million in damages. Students didn't return to classes until the following week.



Engine 13's entries from Sept. 10 and 11, 2001. Tuesday's terrorist attacks would trigger the formation of JFRD's Urban Search and Rescue team.

BY TOWER / WINDOWS (INSIDE ONLY)
2 SHIFTS: WASH OUTSIDE TOWERS SEPARATELY
FROM THOSE WASH INSIDE. TOWERS SHOWN
BY PLASER, DREW & PUT UP DAILY.
THIS IS A DIRECT ORDER FROM
STATION WORK SCHEDULE POSTED. OFFICERS
ARE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR PERSONNEL ARE

When Eng. Harvey Royal retired from Station 31 in December 2003, he penned an eight-verse poem and pasted it into the log book alongside several photos. In the first verse, Royal references the department's 1967 schedule as 24-on, 24-off.

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ROYAL'S LAST ENTRY - STATION 31 LOG BOOK
DECEMBER 31, 2003

In 1967, I came to 31;
24 hours off - and 24 hours on.
We covered many an acre -
From Clay County to Baker -
For each shift, the paid Firefighters only numbered ONE.

Back then it was Station 83,
Village Hills Fire Station, Duval County;
Manpower was volunteers -
Husbands and wives both donned fire gears -
And side-by-side protected 83's territory.

Consolidation brought change in '68;
It also brought me a riding mate;
Volunteers were still needed -
City rules were now heeded -
A new era was born on that date.

Old Duval 83 became Station 31,
Added manpower and equipment was fun;
31's territory was divided -
When City Hall decided -
Orange Park to Maxville was too much to run.

City training procedures and...

Station 31 1967 Baker Road

1973 1986 1995

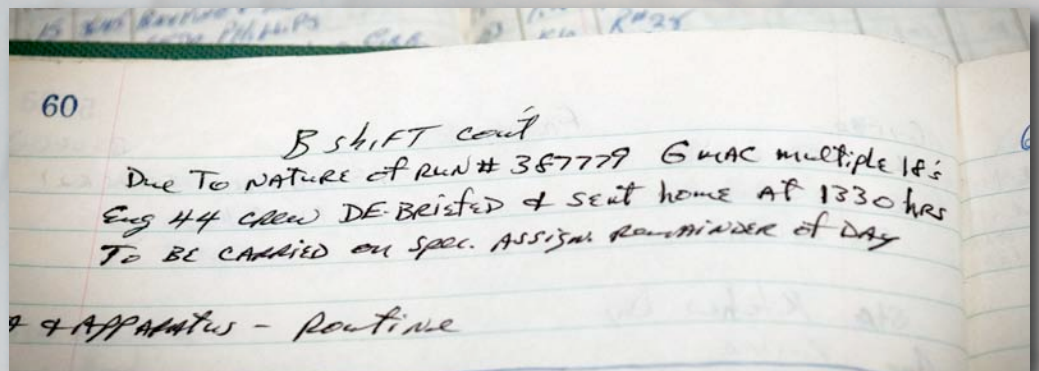


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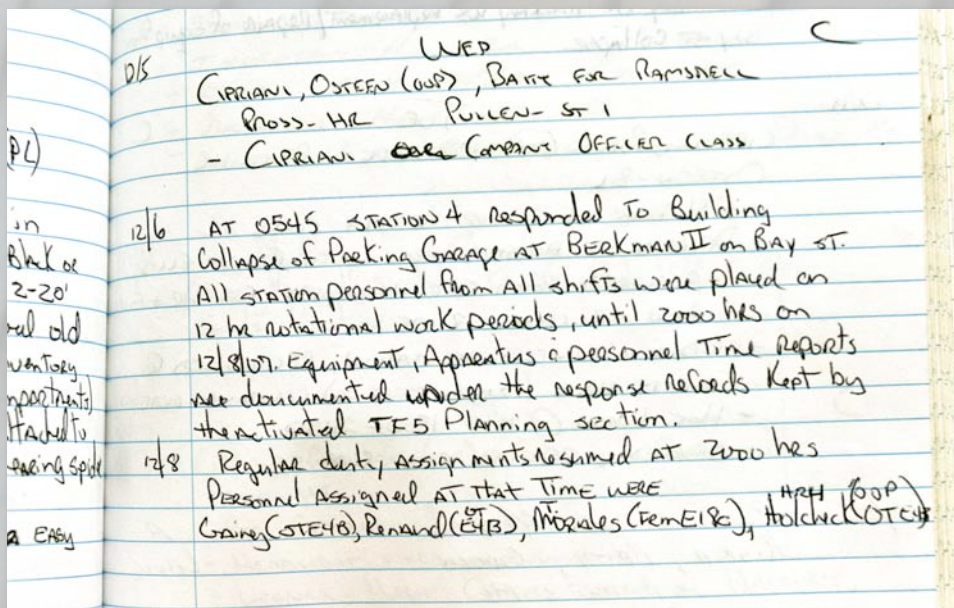
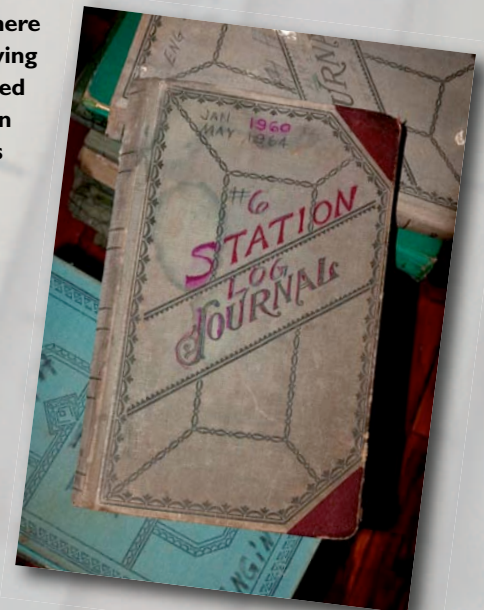
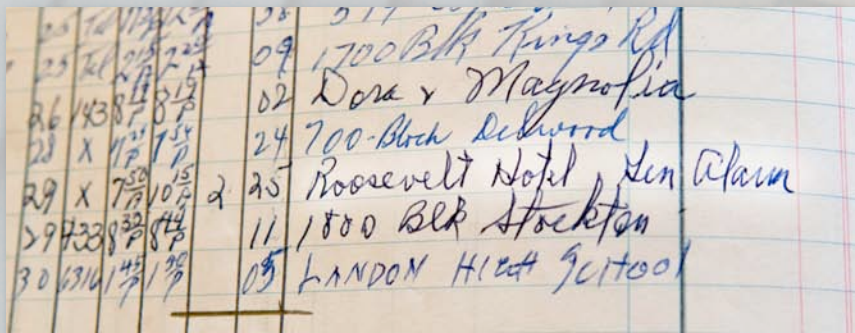
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On June 18, 1990, Engine 44 was among the numerous crews that responded to a gruesome scene at the Baymeadows location of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. A gunman killed eight employees and wounded six more before killing himself.



Engine 6's entry for the Roosevelt Hotel fire on Dec. 29, 1963 doesn't reveal that there were 22 fatalities, including Assistant Fire Chief James Romy (cardiac arrest), giving the fire the dubious distinction as Jacksonville's largest loss of life in one day. Located on Adams Street, the building is now The Carling apartments. Station 6 opened on Florida Avenue in the early 1900s and served the city's Eastside until the late 1980s when Engine 6 moved to new Station 1 on Liberty Street.



JFRD's response to the Berkman Plaza II garage collapse in 2007 lasted for nearly 60 hours. From pre-dawn December 6 until mid-afternoon December 8, the USAR team searched for and eventually extricated the remains of the only missing worker who was part of a crew pouring concrete on the garage's sixth level when the Bay Street structure pancaked.

RESCUE	R58190	E25283	E14363	BRUSH TRUCKS
R28371	R84 (peak time) ...189	E32283	E4861	BR4275
R4357	R59180	E27256	HAZ759	BR4355
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R30349	R70 (peak time) ...169	E13243	E4644	M317
R5340	R23168	E34229	AIR540	M112
R31339	R85 (peak time) ...165	E17223	HAZ2139	FIELD CHIEFS
R7337	R86 (peak time) ...164	E5221	HR426	F3153
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R2325	R82 (peak time) ...146	E7206	E456	F286
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R21308	R49128	E135196	L30187	F782
R13303	ENGINES	E154192	TL21172	R10381
R15301	E28435	E57182	L31151	F678
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R27234	E20297	E33124	T5277	FIRE1,447
R54227	E9296	E29122	T2865	NON EMR ...333
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R42203	E44291	E1680	T3135	
R71196	E24289	E4978	T3435	
R55192	E51288	E5371	T5735	

FSFA Honors JFRD Volunteer Firefighter



A JFRD volunteer firefighter who has also served as a commander at Naval Station Mayport has been named 2012's Volunteer Firefighter of the Year by the Florida State Firefighters' Association (FSFA).

Since he was a teenager, U.S. Navy Capt.

Douglas J. Ten Hoopen has volunteered

for numerous fire and rescue departments, including New York and the cities where his naval career took him. As commander of a helicopter squadron at Mayport, Ten Hoopen volunteered at JFRD's Station 55 in nearby Atlantic Beach. His enduring commitment to the fire service is why FSFA hon-

ored Ten Hoopen as its Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, according to John Knoll, FSFA second vice president and chief of the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department.

A 1987 graduate of the Naval Academy, Ten Hoopen has served with JFRD since 1997 and as president of JFRD's Volunteer Association for three years, according to JFRD Volunteer Coordinator Lt. **Don Hinson**. A recent change of command at Mayport relocated Ten Hoopen to Washington D.C. to prepare him for overseas duty with the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain. Volunteer firefighter Bryan Smith is the new president of JFRD's Volunteer Association