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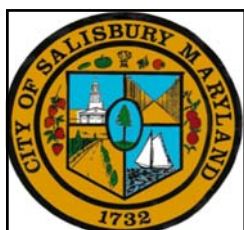
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From the Desk of the Chief

“State of the Department...Update on Progress”

We have finished the department's FY17 annual budget requests and I must share with you several things that were new for this year and how the department is poised to move into the future because of strong communications within the department and without.

This year the budget process took an unexpected turn. Under the direction of Mayor Jake Day, the new process was more collaborative and informative for all department directors. The same challenges existed, closing a significant budget shortfall, but the process drastically changed. With the deficit looming the Mayor and City Administration decided to bring the department directors together to determine how to tackle the challenge of balancing the budget. While the process was painful for all, it was enlightening and provided each participant an opportunity to see the other departments' struggles and cohesively work through prioritizing projects and requests to reach the goal of balancing the budget. I can testify that each department felt the impact of this exercise and that each presented their needs professionally. In the end the creation of the Mayor's proposed budget was completed in a unified and positive way which allowed the Mayor to present a balanced and responsive budget to Council.



Several projects are nearing completion. The new ambulances are being prepared for delivery in the next week. The new units are a great example of what can happen when a group of people work together to reach a common goal. The work of creating and specifying these units fell on Apparatus Specifications Committee, chaired by Lt. Chris Twilley. Lt Twilley and his workgroup solicited input from the members of the department to create units that met our operational needs and to build in efficiencies that ultimately make our jobs easier. From my perspective, I only had a couple of requirements and the workgroup delivered with great results. My top requirement was for provider and patient safety. These new units have many features that create a platform that is as safe as we can make it. My only other requirement was to improve ride quality and longevity of service. The latest technologies have been built into the units and ride quality and handling are vastly improved.

From the Desk of the Chief (continued)

The new fire station is nearing completion. It truly is a beautiful building that brings the functionality of a public safety building to the forefront. It is a fully functioning modern fire station that will serve our community and citizens for a very long time. We anticipate a July move in if everything continues to move according to plans.

At the writing of this article we are about to place the new command vehicle in service. While it has taken a little longer than expected, the unit is another example of engineering a unit that meet our needs and builds in efficiencies that make us better.

The Volunteer Response Task Force is preparing to deliver their report and recommendations to the FD executive staff in the very near future. I eagerly await their report and then to move into the implementation phase. While our focus has been on improving service delivery, this one operational change will impact our ability to serve our citizens exponentially and one that moves the FD in a direction that advances career and volunteer personnel interactions, training, scheduling, and staffing. I look forward to setting a deadline for implementation. My goal is to start on July 1, 2016.

There is a lot going on!! What is listed here is small portion of ALL of the good work the SFD continues to complete on a daily basis. I continue to be amazed at the efforts of our dedicated members. My confidence is high in the men and women of the department and their dedication to excellence. At times when moments of reflection take place, I am truly amazed at all we have accomplished. Certainly, the members of the Salisbury Fire Department deserve all of the credit for our short-term achievements and successes.

In closing, the men and women of the Salisbury Fire Department are proud to provide a tradition of excellent public safety service to the residents of the Salisbury Fire District. On behalf of the citizens we are sworn to protect, I thank them for their continued support and want them to know that their service is valued and much appreciated. As we look forward to another great year, we will continue to remain focused on the mission, core values, and vision for our department. I look forward, with great confidence that we will ultimately be a truly integrated combination fire service that provides the very best in public safety.

Respectfully Yours in Service,

Richard A. Hoppes

Richard A. Hoppes, BS, Chief of the Department

Station I Volunteers

Assistant Fire Chief Cory Polidore - Fire Captain Ben Waples - Acting Fire Lieutenant Justin Elliott

It has been another busy three months for the volunteer membership at Fire Station I. Since our last newsletter, there have been some exciting events happen to include: the new electronic sign at Fire Station I, members continuing to train and take classes, and personnel transfers.

As mentioned in the last article, the three volunteer corporations worked together to purchase and have installed a new electronic sign on the corner of Beaglin Park Drive and South Schumaker Dr. The sign is on a brick pedestal that matches the style of Fire Station I. The sign is currently set up to display the following information: fire prevention messages, severe weather alerts, shelter locations, Amber alerts, and the current status of the Maryland and United States' flags. Please feel free to stop in and see the new sign during your daily travels by Fire Station I.

Every year the membership of the Salisbury Fire Department completes an annual refresher in live fire exercises. We are happy to announce that the vast majority of our members have completed that training and did extremely well with advancing their skills. As training continues to be a priority to the leadership of Fire Station I, it is our pleasure to announce that the following members have completed the **Conducting Safe Live Fire Exercises** course: Assistant Chief Cory Polidore, Acting Lieutenant Justin Elliott, Firefighter EMT-B Ron Montgomery, and Firefighter EMR Eric Foskey. Firefighter EMT Montgomery also completed the **Fire Officer II** course, and Assistant Chief Polidore completed the **Fire Department Safety Officer** course. We also have numerous members that are currently taking the **EMT-Basic**, and **Firefighter I** courses. We wish our members the very best as they begin to develop their young careers in the department. The officers of Fire Station I recently started a Sunday Training Day to help our members continue to learn and sharpen their skills. The first Sunday, crews went over vertical ventilation, hose line advancement, and hydrant operations. The second Sunday, crews took advantage of the Temple Hill Motel where they practiced hose line advancement and wall breaching. The most recent training concentrated on the skills and driving of apparatus for our members working to become able to operate the utility vehicles as well as members working to advance to driving the engine. Again, strong work ladies and gentlemen, let's keeps the ball rolling forward!

Finally, the membership of Fire Station I would like to welcome Firefighter EMT-B Rob Strobel. Rob transfers to Fire Station I from Fire Station 2 and has been with the department for over 13 years. We are pleased to have Rob as he will become an additional asset to the station. As always, it is a pleasure to serve the citizens of Salisbury and Wicomico County with honor and integrity; until next time, stay safe!!!

Thank you for your time.

"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough." ~Og Mandino

Historical Corner

Assistant Chief Bryan W. Records

East Salisbury Fire Company No. 2

By July of 2016, another chapter in the history of the Salisbury Fire Department will come to a close. For 86 years the two story brick structure located at 801 Brown Street has served as the home of the Number 2 Fire Company. Salisbury had a large number of lumber mills by the 1920's, which provided sawn wood, baskets, doors and sashes. These businesses suffered more than their share of damage and destruction from fires. A series of mill fires had plagued the East side of Salisbury and on December 12, 1929 a fire destroyed the C.R. Disharoon Mill located directly across the street from where Station 2 stands today. The fire also destroyed or damaged a number of homes surrounding the mill.

Community leaders had seen the need for fire protection and formed the East Salisbury Fire Company No. 2. On June 21, 1930 Walter R. Disharoon and his wife Lydia provided the deed of the current property to the East Salisbury Fire Company No. 2 for the sum of \$ 10.00. Company 2 had established corporate status from the State of Maryland and President William F. Calloway and Secretary Henry T. Chatham completed this important acquisition. Members of the community, department members and skilled tradesmen constructed the building with many of the materials and labor being donated. The stations first fire engines were a 1919 Federal Chemical Engine No. 6 and a 1920 American LaFrance Engine No. 3 from Headquarters Company. Despite the hardships of the Great Depression, Station 2 was able to have a mortgage burning ceremony on December 3, 1935. The company maintained its status as the East Side Fire Company Number 2 until June 22, 1936. On that date the deed was transferred to the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury.



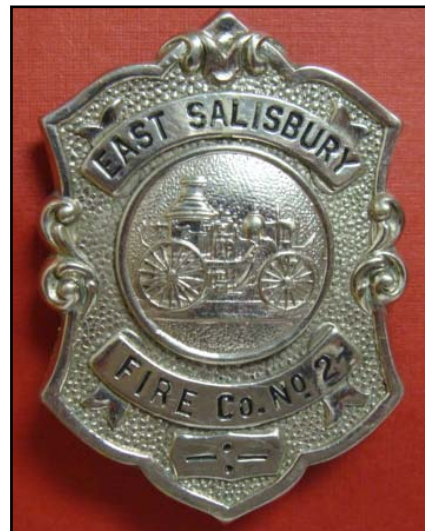
This transfer placed the responsibility for maintenance, operating expenses and apparatus in the hands of the city. The city immediately made plans to secure a new fire engine for Station 2. On October 5, 1936 the Mayor and council approved the purchase of a 1936 American LaFrance pumper for \$ 5,795. This 500 G.P.M. American LaFrance Scout model served the department until 1969.

Historical Corner (continued)

On May 17, 1941 Station 2 was threatened by fire as the G.A. Bounds Mill was destroyed by fire directly across the street. Members played heavy duty streams from the perimeter of the Station 2 property and saved their station from destruction. In 1948 a Paid Houseman/Engineer was stationed around the clock to provide an Engineer and maintenance of the station. This was part of a 1947 recommendation by the insurance underwriters. Following the war, another new pumper was delivered on January 11, 1949. The American LaFrance 700 Series pumper Number 12 was purchased for \$ 14, 800 and would serve the department until 1979.



Another American LaFrance, Engine 3 was delivered in 1960 to replace the 1920 LaFrance assigned to Station 2 when it opened. The 1920 engine was donated to the Powellville VFD when it was formed in 1962. A Duty Crew was assigned to Station 2 in July of 1967 to staff an engine Monday through Friday. This staffing was added after an increase in call volume and several fire fatalities occurred. The legend of Engine 210 was born in 1969 when one of the most famous engines to ever serve the department was delivered. The 1969 American LaFrance featured the first diesel motor in the department's history. Its distinct sound could be heard throughout the city and responded to some of the biggest fires in the department's history. Engine 210 served the city until October of 1988 when it was replaced by a new Pierce Arrow 1500 G.P.M. pumper. A new four bay addition was constructed on the west side of Station 2 in 1992 to house the newer and larger apparatus. Station 2 received its first Ladder truck in 2000 when the corporation purchased an American LaFrance 75 ft. Ladder on a Metropolitan chassis. An American LaFrance Metropolitan Rescue unit arrived the following year.



Historical Corner (continued)

The new Station 2 is slated to open on July 1, 2016 with all the modern features that one could expect of a modern fire station. The old station is slated to be demolished and the land returned to the Morris family who now own Shore Distributors. The old building that was constructed by the skilled hands of its members has served the East Side community well. It has stood the test of time and provided shelter for the apparatus and been affectionately known as the second home for hundreds of firefighters.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the two faithful mascots that served Station 2. Boots and Spanner were beautiful Dalmatians that provided companionship and stood guard over the station with steadfast dedication. They appeared at many parades, fire prevention details and the occasional alarm. The station would not have been the same without them.

Moving will be easy as it is just across street and nothing to pack but apparatus and turnout gear. The hardest part is the 86 years of memories and service that will never be forgotten. It will be up to the current membership to carry on the tradition that was forged in 1930 with the Pride of The East Side.



Emergency Medical Services

Acting Lieutenant Chris Truitt

Poisonings in the Home

Unfortunately, poisonings account for quite a few emergencies in and around the home. While our EMS providers are trained in the treatment of many substances, the Maryland Poison Center (MPC) is a valuable resource. The MPC answered 48,407 calls in 2014 (725 of these were in Wicomico County) and 31,055 were for humans that either ingested or were otherwise exposed to some substance. The most common item (s) people were exposed to was cosmetics, followed by household cleaners (note- this is based on non-drug numbers), and children less than 6 months of age accounted for 42.9% of these calls. Fortunately, 63.6% of these calls were managed at home without transport to a healthcare facility.

As always, if there is any question that someone may have come into contact with a potentially dangerous substance, 911 should be utilized. EMS will most likely communicate with both the MPC and the hospital to devise a patient care plan based on the patient's status and the substance involved. The MPC acts as our advisor, while the hospital makes the ultimate decision on treatment strategies. If you need to contact the MPC, their phone number is 1-800-222-1222 and they are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If they advise you to give the patient something prior to EMS arrival, make a note of what was done or given so we can make sure the patient receives the appropriate care. Have a safe and happy spring.

The information for this article was gathered from the Maryland Poison Center's website: www.mdpoison.com.



Fire Prevention & Public Education

Assistant Chief James E. Gladwell

One would think that the SFD's Community Outreach Program would calm down in the cold winter months. Quite the contrary! Business has been booming for yet another quarter of the year.

The SFD continues to be an integral part of our community. Assistant Chief Donaway again set the groundwork for the ***Blazing a Trail for Literacy*** program, whereby members of the SFD go to the local elementary schools in our district and read various stories to 2nd graders. The program's intent is to encourage children's interest in reading, with a goal of attempting to get the children to read for at least 20 minutes each day. The students get to pick the stories they wish our members to read to them, and then answer questions about what happened in the stories. The students also get to ask SFD personnel questions about the department, what it does, who it helps, and pretty much anything else their little hearts felt the need to inquire about. Some of the questions were truly classic!! At the completion of the program, each school chose its own 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place "winners" who received gifts donated by local businesses. The great thing about this program is that everyone is truly a "winner"; from the children who gain reading experience, to all the SFD personnel involved with the positive interaction with schools, teachers, and children. Strong work by all those involved and kudos to Assistant Chief Donaway for setting it all in motion.



Fire Prevention & Public Education (continued)

Unfortunately, the SFD has experienced an uptick in local fire activity. Several fires in our district prompted the **After the Fire Program** to be out in our neighborhoods in full force. Numerous smoke alarms were either distributed, or installed, along with many 9-Volt batteries being replaced.

Additionally, the SFD continues to be a part of various community events such as the Home Show held at the Civic Center, and the Wicomico County High School Job Fair event held at Salisbury University. The SFD also continues to expand its Social Media presence through training videos and photos, public service announcements, and information relating to current emergency services events.

Based on information obtained from Firehouse Software for the quarter encompassing 1 January 2016 through 31 March 2016, the SFD participated in 26 Community Service/Public Education events. Over 110 staff hours were expended completing these duties. Four **After the Fire Programs** were completed. 18 smoke alarms and numerous batteries were installed (Don't forget the clocks moved forward!). 716 children and 1,148 adults were reached as a result of all of the hard work SFD members put forth.

As always, continued thanks go out to all the volunteer and career members who assist with all the various events. Our Community Outreach program continues grow each year, and without the efforts put forth by each of you, we could never have made it the huge success that it has become!!

Thanks again. Stay Safe!!



Hazardous Materials

Acting Lieutenant Ron Wismer

Last time we discussed Community Right to Know. Today, we are going to discuss how the fire department and others use that information. If you remember last time, we discussed how business are required to submit what hazmats they store at their facility. This information is known as Tier II data. The Salisbury Fire Department takes this Tier II data and uploads it electronically to a hazmat management software suite, called PEAC-WMD.

PEAC-WMD allows us to prepare for hazmats at any facility in our jurisdiction. The Tier II data they submit is connected with their business name and address. This allows responders to know what chemicals should be in the building. We can then use that information, and current weather conditions, to model how the hazardous material release will react. We call this modeling. We use modeling to decide who we would have to evacuate in a worst case scenario. Ideally, this information would then be used to protect the community with preplanning and process controls. The idea being that we can work with outside agencies in our preplanning. A good example of this is the petroleum terminals on Marine Road. We have worked with agencies such as Maryland Department of the Environment and U.S. Coast Guard to hold large scale exercises for response.

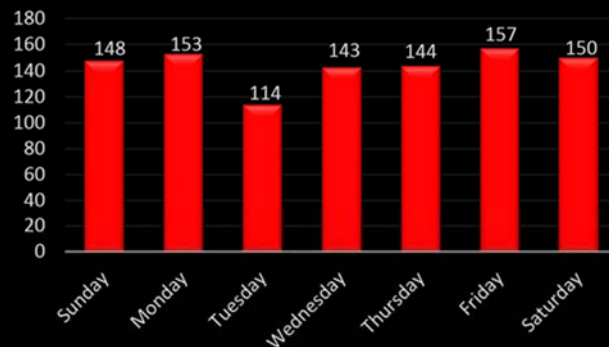


Hot Shots

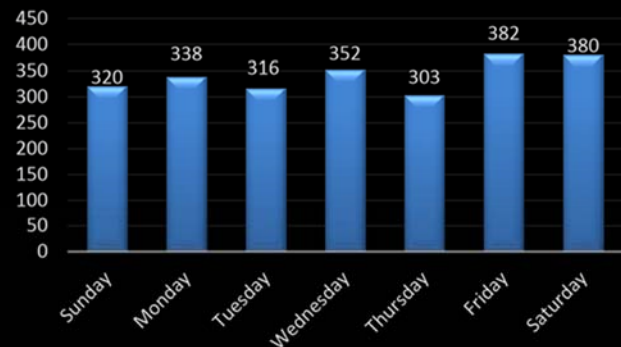


Statistics - January– March 2016

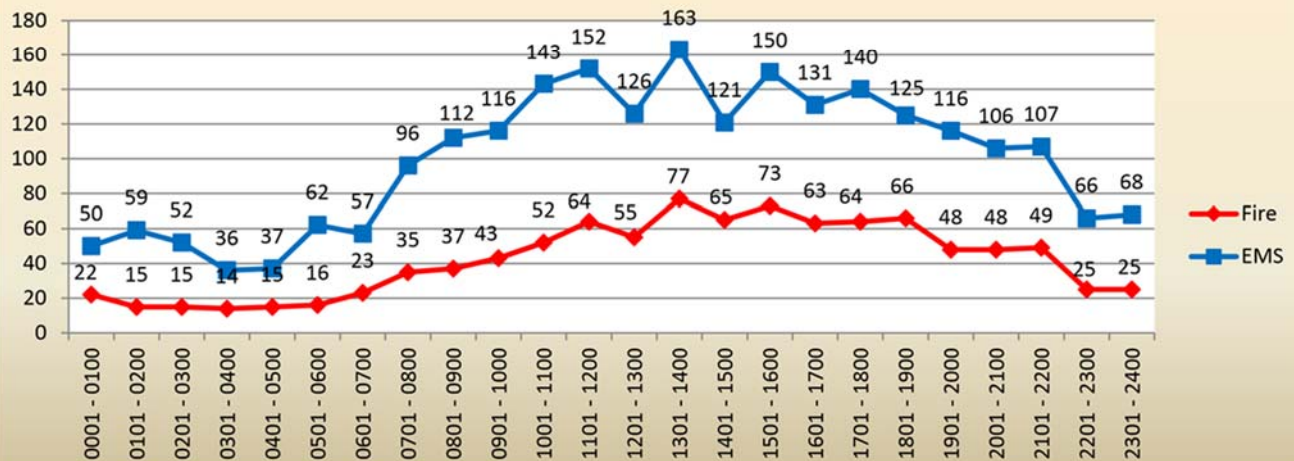
Fire Call Volume Day of Week



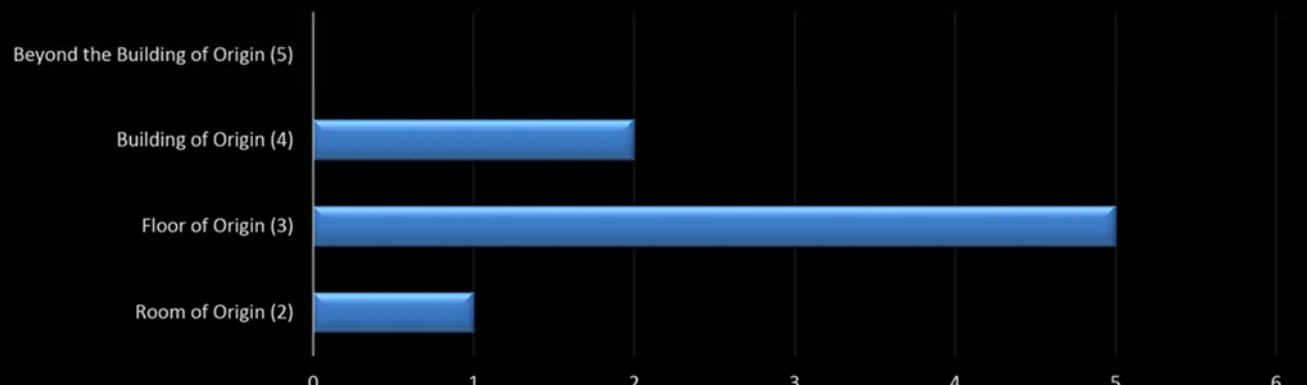
EMS Call Volume by Day of Week



Fire & EMS Call Volume by Hour



Fire Containment 3rd Quarter FY16



Statistics - January—March 2016 Continued

Fire Incident Type	3rd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Structure Fires	12	34	1%
Cooking fire	11	28	1%
Vehicle Fires	7	30	1%
Natural Cover/Brush	5	22	0%
Trash/Dumpster	18	46	2%
Fire, Other	8	22	1%
Medical	504	1226	50%
Vehicle Accidents	132	419	13%
Rescue Calls	7	30	1%
Hazardous Conditions	45	144	4%
Service Calls	49	129	5%
Good Intent Calls	87	226	9%
False Alarms	106	393	11%
Other Incident Type	18	26	2%
Totals	1009	2775	

Fire Incidents by Fire Station	3rd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Station 1	234	674	28%
Station 2	295	774	35%
Station 16	480	1327	57%

Fire Loss Data	3rd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Property Value	\$21,200,934	\$45,558,164	N/A
Property Destroyed	\$1,425,677	\$3,599,180	7%
Property Saved	\$19,775,257	\$41,958,984	93%

Statistics - January—March 2016 Continued

Medical Chief Complaints	3rd Qtr.	FY16 YTD	% of Quarter
Abdominal Pain/GI Problem	136	404	5.69%
Allergic Reaction/Bites/Stings	13	34	0.54%
Altered Level of Consciousness	43	125	1.80%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	40	147	1.67%
Breathing Problem	42	113	1.76%
Burns/Smoke Inhalation	5	16	0.21%
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest/DOA	52	116	2.17%
Cardiac Problems	149	509	6.23%
Choking/Airway Obstruction	5	9	0.21%
Diabetic Problem	46	128	1.92%
Drug/Alcohol	112	227	4.68%
Nausea/Vomiting	47	132	1.97%
No Apparent Injury	133	426	5.56%
OB/GYN/Pregnancy/Childbirth	24	46	1.00%
Other	991	2894	41.45%
Respiratory Distress	76	199	3.18%
Seizure/Convulsions	69	180	2.89%
Sick Person/Flu-like	91	269	3.81%
Stroke/CVA/TIA	33	103	1.38%
Syncope/Fainting	43	137	1.80%
Traumatic Injury	128	353	5.35%
Unconscious	20	64	0.84%
Weakness	93	239	3.89%
Totals	2391	6870	

Correspondence from the Community

A note to tell you how much we appreciate our fire department. Our smoke detector stopped working - my husband was given a new one from the fire department. Two days after it was installed it started beeping. We could not reach it to take it down. I called Brown Street department, a young man named Justin Byrd came to our home & found it to be defective. He removed it and install another new one. He wanted to be sure it was well. I didn't realize that you all help with many things. My husband is 94 and I am 84 so we really need help. Thank you all so very much.

Phyllis Turner

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives really mean
to us

Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered

Sola M. Hoppes
Richard & Family
Edwin & Family

Dear Friends,

We thank you most kindly for the beautiful floral tribute you sent at the passing of our loved one.

Salisbury Fire Dept. has been very special to our family for many years. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

God Bless!

The Family of Donald Records
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Correspondence from the Community



February 2, 2016

To our families, dearest friends, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, the entire communities of Hebron, Linkwood and beyond:

It has been a surreal time. We as firefighters are always the ones responding to the tragedy of others and not the ones standing there watching your home and possessions being carried away by the flames and embers leaving behind charred remembrances of once was ours. That is what happened to us on the cold and windy night of January 18th. Thankfully our guardian angels were with us and our family is safe, which is absolutely the most important part of this whole experience. The compassion and generosity that has been shown to us started while the fire was still burning with people arriving to ask how they can help or what could they do. The phone calls, text messages and prayers remain constant with each passing moment. The many delicious home cooked meals, clothing items, toiletries, money and the list goes on and on have warmed our hearts in knowing that we are surrounded by so much love and kind-heartedness. Never in a million years did we ever think we would be on the receiving end of such misfortune or the outpouring of so much generosity.

We are eternally grateful for everything the community has done for us and our boys. We certainly have a long road ahead of us, rebuilding our home and our lives and it is such a comfort to know that we are not alone in our journey.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

The Phippin Family

Donnie, Kara, Nathan and Brayden

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SALISBURY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Dear Asst Chief Scott,
Thank you so much for coming to our school for our reading event! Our first graders loved having you read and of course the truck was a huge hit. Please know how much we appreciate all of your time!
Sincerely,
Steven Lamber
Principal*

Thank you for coming in our class to read today! We enjoyed listening to the story!

*Love,
Mrs. Hubert's 1st Class*

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Karleigh Motroo

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Dear Members of the Fire Dept,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers we sent last week after our mother passed away. The church & our home were so much warmer after the flowers arrived. My mother would have loved them.

The Fire Dept has always been a part of our lives, and we are grateful for your presence.

Thank-you.

*Sincerely
The Cannon children
Bob, John, Sharon & Sally*