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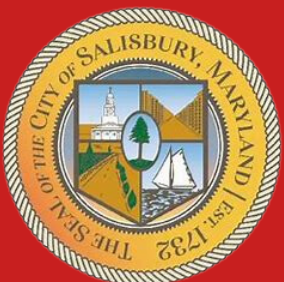
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From the Fire Chief



Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of the bi-annual newsletter for the Salisbury Fire Department. YOUR Salisbury Fire Department is committed to ensuring your safety, along with the thousands of weekly visitors to our fire district. I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Since our last newsletter the department has been extremely busy with various training sessions, community outreach, mental health, financial well-being and awareness, and of course handling 911 emergencies. One of our recent training events includes each shift visiting with a local business, Delaware Elevator. During this training, staff from Delaware Elevator showed all of our members exactly how elevators work, various methods of entry, and how we should take control of them during an emergency. This information made us aware of the need to purchase new elevator keys, for a newer model of elevator that is in our fire district. These types of training sessions and the relationship building are what gives us the confidence and reassurance to know that we are fully prepared when 911 is called.

The department has recently secured two drones, which will help us in many types of pre-planning activities, along with emergency operations. This newer technology unlocks tremendous value with regards to aerial observations of buildings and special events. These drones can be used by our Fire Marshal's Office during site inspections and fire investigations. They can be used for search and rescue events, along with large area incidents. The department's drone program will operate under the guidelines and policies of the City of Salisbury's UAV Program; controlled by the IS Department. Additionally, the department has revamped our water rescue response policies; adding additional manpower to these calls and purchasing additional equipment to aid in faster deployment of divers into the water to make an effective rescue attempt. (continue to page 2.)

Fire Chief Message Continued

Our work with the City's GIS department continues to move forward in a strong manner. Look for our long overdue, Community Risk Assessment to be published in the first half of 2025. This 'living' document will serve us internally and also have forward-facing, interactive components that the public will have access to. I'm excited to see this document completed and to be able to use it to guide us as we plan and make operational decisions into the future. I also would like to announce publicly that our department is one of about 100 that has been chosen to be an early on-boarder of the NERIS incident reporting software that is being rolled out in 2025 by the federal government. This groundbreaking software will allow for more accurate and comprehensive data collection, easier access to that data, and the ability to upload our departmental information directly during grant applications. Every department in the United States will be required to use this software starting in 2026 and I am proud that our department was chosen to be one of the first 100 to use it.

I am excited to announce that our SWIFT/MDCN Teams have been awarded two grants, received additional Opioid Restitution funding, and have placed a new vehicle in service. The "Purple Narcan Car" is highly visible and is already making an impact in our community. This vehicle is used for many purposes Monday through Friday and will soon be seen out and about on nights and weekends; thanks to a \$542,000 grant that will allow us to expand coverage of our Bupronorphine program to treat those who want recovery help from opioids. Additionally, the department was awarded a \$13,000 grant to purchase an i-Stat laboratory device that will allow for lab tests to be done in the field after blood draws by our MDCN team. The SWIFT/MDCN Teams remain on the cutting edge of Mobile Integrated Health services. These programs are 'best in class' when compared with departments from all across the country.

Finally, regardless of the time of day or your location in our fire district, rest assured the men and women of the SFD are ready to respond. Your lives and property are in the best hands possible, should you have a need to dial 911. As the Fire Chief for the SFD, it is my honor to lead this great organization full of history and tradition; and it is with great pride that I am able to put on the uniform and the badge every day and come to work with these fine people. If there is anything that you should ever need, any question you need answered or any service you need provided, please do not hesitate to call 410-548-3120 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).

Respectfully,
Rob Frampton
Fire Chief

Emergency Medical Services

Submitted by Assistant Chief Chris Truitt

It has been a busy second half of calendar year 2024 for your pre-hospital emergency clinicians with 6,116 calls for service! These calls ranged from critically injured patients, heart attacks, strokes, and cardiac arrests to minor illnesses, falls without injury, and minor injuries. The range of calls your clinicians address on any given day makes them some of the most well-rounded field clinicians providing pre-hospital care.

On July 1st, our EMTs and Paramedics put new medical protocols to use, including a relatively new technique for treating patients in cardiac arrest. These are patients whose heart has stopped beating and they have also stopped breathing. While our crews have always treated this patient population aggressively (leading to Salisbury having a recovery rate higher than the National average) the new protocol added a tool for patients who do not respond to the typical treatment strategy. When a patient is in a shockable rhythm EMS clinicians will apply a second defibrillator when possible to deliver sequential shocks to the patient after the first 3 “normal” shocks. The goal is to ensure the entire heart is being defibrillated so the correct cardiac pacemakers can restart and provide a life-sustaining pulse! To date, Salisbury has had 2 patients treated with this protocol fully recover and get a second chance at life.

We also added a new mobile integrated healthcare unit that allows our community paramedics to continue to assist patients with minor injuries or illnesses at their homes as well as assist patients who would like to be treated for opiate use disorder. This team of paramedics and nurse practitioners can now start the patient’s addiction treatment while a peer support member from the Health Department can meet with them and enroll them in a rehabilitation facility!

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Winter and Holiday season! For more information on Salisbury EMS or to find out how to get trained in Hands-Only CPR check us out online, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, contact our Headquarters office at 410-548-3120, or email Assistant Chief of EMS Chris Truitt at ctrutt@salisbury.md



Fire Marshal's Office

Submitted by Fire Marshal Eric Cramer

The Office had a new Deputy Fire Marshal, Robert Horsman Jr., sworn in in July of 2024. DFM Horsman comes to us with 24 years of law enforcement experience and well over 24 years of fire service, both serving the citizens of Dorchester County Maryland. DFM Horsman has been busy learning the fire laws and regulations of Maryland and the City of Salisbury. He completed his Initial Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator training and has already shown himself to be a great addition the Fire Marshal's staff.

Our new Permitting and Inspections Coordinator, Kerri, started in mid-December. While she still has a ton to learn, she has already learned a lot and has been a quick study. We're excited to see how much more we can accomplish with her helping us out.

The Fire Department is embarking on a new venture, an aviation division that is starting within the Fire Marshal's office but will soon stand on its own feet as a separate distinct division within the Fire Department. Policies and procedures are being developed and two unmanned aircraft systems (drones) have been purchased. So far, the Fire Department has two pilots. This is a new technology and the potential to positively impact Fire Department operations seems limitless, everything from search and rescue to preplan photography has been discussed.

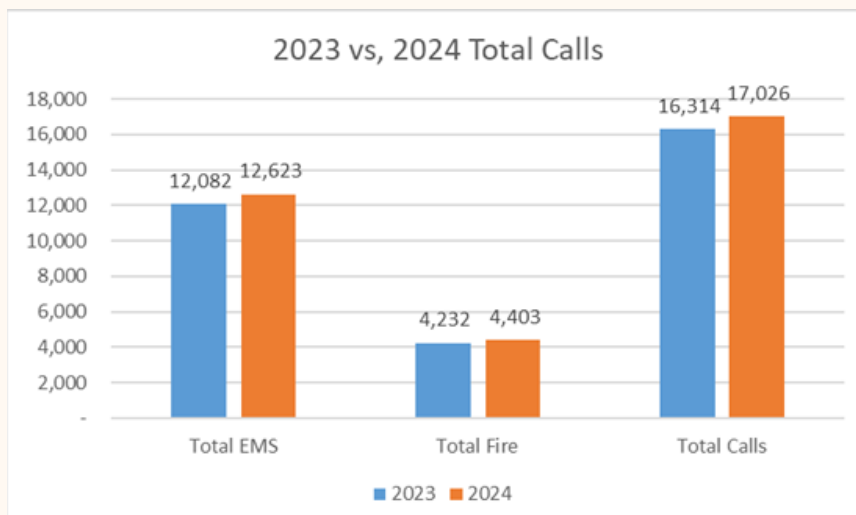


SFD Statistics

	1st Half 2024	2nd Half 2024	Total & % Increase
Total EMS	6,069	6,554	12,623 (4.4%)
Total Fire	2,090	2,313	4,403 (4.04%)
Total Calls	8,159	8,867	17,026
EMS Calls Incorporated District	4,080	4,437	8,517 (3.2%)
EMS Unincorporated District	1,840	1,942	3,782 (+12.2%)
EMS Outside of the SFD District	148	176	324 (16.9%)
	1st Half 2024	2nd Half 2024	
Fire Incorporated District	1,379	1,557	2,936 (+6.0%)
Fire Unincorporated District	618	665	1,283 (+3.9%)
Fire Outside of SFD District	93	91	184 (+10.1%)

\$43,917,003 – Property Value & Contents Saved from Fire

\$3,104,137 – Property Value & Contents Lost to Fire

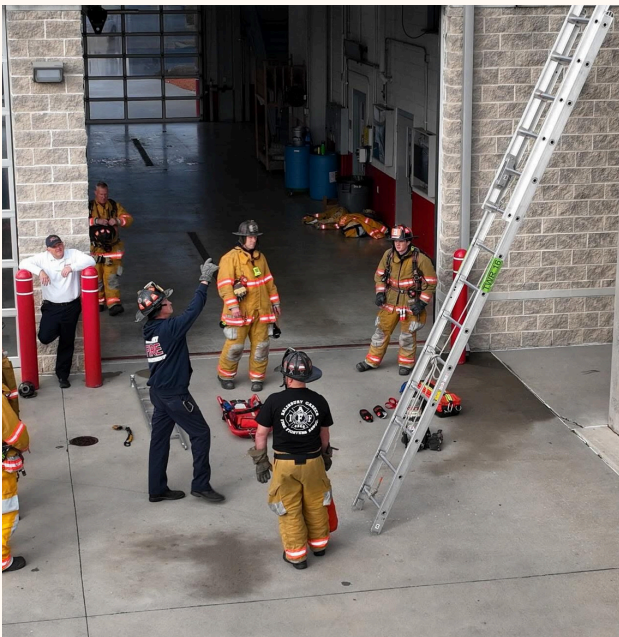


Training

Submitted by Captain DJ Messick

That's a wrap on 2024. As we look back, I am amazed at what accomplishments were made in the Salisbury Fire Departments Training Division. Starting with statistical numbers, the department completed 10,968 hours of training in 2024. The members also completed their mandatory refresher training in driving, self-contained breathing apparatus, emergency medical technician basic and paramedic, and hazardous materials operations. In 2024, we had four members become paramedics; congratulations to FF/Paramedic Sean Collins, Sgt./Paramedic Tim Jones, FF/Paramedic Natalie Tull, and FF/Paramedic Colby Pfleger. Another highlight for the year was the start of our Rapid Intervention Team training. This is an in-house training that will make our members better at saving our own if we find ourselves in that situation. This training will continue in 2025 with subsequent training building on what was previously learned.

As we look on to 2025, there are several exciting things on the horizon. Promotional testing commences this month. I would say good luck to those testing but luck is not needed when some of the brightest are sitting in the testing room. We also currently have four people set to graduate from paramedic school this year, FF/EMT Justin Tull, FF/EMT Emily Kitching, FF/EMT Lauren Stanley, and FF/EMT John Foraker. I look forward to seeing them in the field operating as paramedics this summer. Finally the training division is excited to provide the best possible training to the department to ensure that the community continues to have skilled firefighters and clinicians responding to their emergencies.



Shift Highlights A-Shift

Submitted by Assistant Chief Logan Helmuth



Retirement

The members of A shift would like to congratulate FF/EMT Joseph “Pat” Andrews on his retirement after serving almost 24 years with the SFD. Pat started his career as a Volunteer FF/EMT. After 10 years of volunteering with the SFD Pat would accept a job to become a full-time FF/EMT with the SFD. Pat’s last shift was December 20th, 2024.

Pre-Incident Planning HUB

The SFD is excited to announce the launch of our new Pre-plan HUB. This HUB allows our crews to access critical information while responding to incidents throughout the city. The SFD continues to work closely with our GIS department who has been instrumental in this platform. Over the next few years, the SFD hopes to greatly increase the number of Pre-plan's we have on file.

Training

Sgt. Christina Justice recently attended the National Fire Academy (NFA). Sgt. Justice took a 6-day class on Emergency Medical Service-Incident Operations. Sgt. Justice reviewed the Incident Command System (ICS) and practiced proper techniques for handling medium and large-scale events. They focused on the EMS side of the ICS process as well as triage, treatment, and transport. This involved resource management, size-up, strategy and tactics, action plan, EMS, company operations, incident organization, and strategic command of these incidents. These incident scenarios included a bus accident, school shooting, high rise fires, and a tornado with multiple touchdowns across a state. The NFA has become a crucial part of the SFD that allows our members to further develop their skills to better the department

Critical Saves

On Saturday Nov 2, 2024, as the crews were coming on shift, PM B1, The Engine crew from Station 1, and PMB2 encountered a 58 y/o female, in cardiac arrest, where family were performing CPR. PM Trice found the patient to be in Torsades De Pointes. The patient received Magnesium, Amiodarone, and 3 total doses of Epinephrine due to rhythm changes. She also received a total of 5 shocks, 2 of which were dual sequential. The crew obtained a brief ROSC, then the patient re-arrested. While transporting, the crew obtained sustained ROSC. After delivery of the patient to PR Tidal Health, the pt was treated and released home with no deficits.



Station 16 was dispatched for a non EMD code seizure subject. Due to Central advising possible multiple seizures, the ALS ambulance was advised to respond as well. Both EMS units arrived on location simultaneously. Personnel found a 36-year-old male lying on the ground, diaphoretic, and unresponsive. Pt was breathing and did have a pulse upon arrival. EMS units requested a medical assist. Engine 16 responded with an officer and 2. Pt placed on stretcher and moved to ambulance. Vitals being established along with ALS interventions such as IV, 12 lead, and capnography. Engine 16 arrived on location. At that time the pts respiratory rate decreased, and his pulse dropped to approximately 40bpm. Paramedics applied pads, began pacing, and the

crew assisted with ventilations. At that time the patient went into ventricular tachycardia. HPCPR was initiated and followed by defibrillation. At the next rhythm check, the patient was in PEA (pulseless electrical activity). Epi administered and HPCPR continued for two consecutive rounds. The following rhythm check showed the patient obtained ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) and started to pick up respirations on his own. ROSC confirmed with femoral and carotid pulses. Patient transported to Tidal Health. Providers continued pt care in accordance with ACLS and MD protocols. Upon arrival at Tidal Health the patient had a strong pulse and stable BP. The patient was discharged nine days later and made a full recovery.

A- Shift Notable Incidents

9/17/2024 : Rescue 1 responded to Delmar for a residential rescue. Rescue 1 arrived on scene and extricated the patient's hand that was stuck between the wheel well and a tire. The patient was flown to the hand center in Baltimore by Trooper 2 out of Sussex County.



10/10/2024: Salisbury units along with mutual aid companies responded to a building fire on S. Salisbury Blvd. AC1 arrived on scene with smoke showing. Units would make quick work and the fire was under control within the hour.

11/18/2024: Engine 1 was alerted for a car fire on Mt. Hermon Rd Engine 1 arrived on location and found a fully involved car fire and would extinguished the same.



Shift Highlights B-Shift

Submitted by Assistant Chief Mike Donoway

In between EMS calls, and fire calls. B shift gathered to train in all areas. Training areas included; EMS, Fire, Truck skills, Dive operations, and rope rescue. The whole shift gathers on Saturdays' to review fire skills and on Sundays to enhance EMS training and skills. B shift continues to train everyday, and "train like it's the real situation". The shift would like to thank all Officers who assist the crew in keeping up with all aspects of skills.



On November 19th, Salisbury Fire Department was alerted for a Rescue in the area of Rt 13 and E Church Street. Crews arrived on scene and found one patient trapped in the vehicle. Crews performed two door pops, to extricate the patient in a timely manner. Patient was transported in stable condition to Tidalhealth.

On July 2nd, Salisbury Fire Department was requested for the HAZMAT unit to respond for a tractor trailer carrying gasoline that had overturned. Due to HAZMAT being a specialty trained division, all 3 stations had to split up crews to send the appropriate personnel to the scene. The scene was quickly under control with the help of SFD. While crews were handling the scene, the remaining crew in the City consisted of 2 ALS ambulances, 1 BLS ambulance, and Truck 2. No call went with delay during this time period. Great job by all members handling calls and controlling the HAZMAT scene!



On December 13th, just after 1300 hours. SFD was alerted for a structure fire in the area of Baileys Ln. Prior to arrival crews noted a large column of smoke. Crews arrived on scene and found 3 sheds to be involved, as well as nearby brush and a burn barrel. The SFD was assisted on this with nearby departments to bring the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes! Outstanding job to all personnel involved.

Shift Highlights C-Shift

Submitted by Assistant Chief Doug Parker

Achievements

Since being promoted, Captain Mike Carbaugh served his mandatory six-month probationary period at the rank of Captain. In that time frame, Mike completed the officer development packet and was mentored by other Assistant Chiefs of the department. Mike has met all the educational and training requirements allowing him to serve in the position of Acting Assistant Fire Chief.



Sergeant Ben Koons was recognized by his colleagues and the city earning him Employee of the Month in August. This led to Sgt. Koons being nominated and ultimately chosen by his peers to be the first recipient of the “Firefighter of the Year” award. Sgt. Koons was nominated after responding to a call in which the occupants could not stay in their residence after the incident. With no place to go or any assistance available, Sgt. Koons with his own money, placed the family in a local hotel while repairs to their home were being handled. This kind gesture and act to do the right thing did not go unnoticed by the department, City or his peers. Great Job Ben!

Firefighter/EMT Jonathan Hitch recently took a position as a part-time instructor for Capitol Fire Training. Jonathan brings over 25 years of service to the table and enjoys sharing his knowledge and experience with others. Jonathan specializes in Technical Rescue Operations and RIT, and has taught our department some very useful information. Strong Work Hitch!



Congratulations to C-Shift FF/EMT Andrew Stanley and his wife FF/EMT Lauren Stanley from A-Shift on the birth of their first child. Ellie Jane was born October 16, 2024. Mom, Dad and Ellie are all home and doing well.

New Driver Operators

The role of the driver/operator of the fire engines or ladder trucks, is without a doubt a very important part of the job. Driver's need to know the fastest routes to get to calls, park in the appropriate places to allow the ladders on the equipment to reach its desired location, ensure there is adequate water for the fire hoses and ultimately has the responsibility to ensure everyone gets to the call safely. Our department requires driver/operators to obtain the correct class of license needed to drive the apparatus. At that point, the person must complete and pass a Pump Operator class through the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute. Ending the process with many hours of non-emergency driving, street familiarization, pumping evolutions and a thorough skills evaluation by their company officer and the training division. Over the last 6-month period, several members of C-Shift have completed their training. Congratulations to FF/PM Towles, FF/PM Colby Bunting, FF/EMT Jake Wood, FF/EMT Michael Chubb for obtaining FADO certifications.

C-Shift Notable Incidents

7/27//2024: just before noon, Fruitland and Salisbury Fire Departments were alerted for an MVC with entrapment. The crew of PM16 and Rescue 1 arrived to find a motorcycle vs. car, with the occupant of the motorcycle pinned completely under the car. Bystanders had attempted to remove the victim utilizing floor jacks but were unsuccessful. The crew of Rescue 1 and Rescue Engine 302 utilized air bags, cribbing and Rescue 42 struts to remove the victim to awaiting EMS. Trooper 4 transported the patient to Shock Trauma for treatment.



11/24/2024 Around 4:30pm, all three Salisbury stations, Delmar, Hebron and Fruitland fire departments were alerted for a shed fire in the 800 block of East Church St. Units arrived to find a 10' x 20' shed well involved. Crews extinguished the fire and the cause is being investigated by the Fire Marshal's Office



12/2/2024: Just before 8:00am , Salisbury Truck 2 was alerted for a car fire at the intersection of Naylor St. and E. Church St. Truck 2 arrived to find a small passenger vehicle with fire in the engine compartment. The crew of Truck 2 made quick work of the fire with a single hand line.



Shift Highlights D-Shift

Submitted by Assistant Chief David Cox

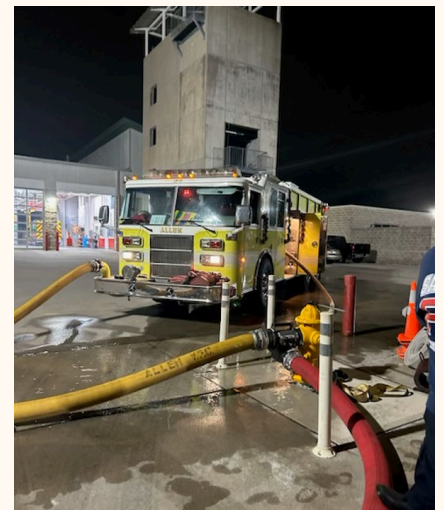
New Driver Operators:

Over the last 6-month period, several members of D-Shift have completed their training to be able to drive various pieces of equipment for the department. These individuals are FF/EMT KJ Laird and FF/EMT Cameron Chance (Tower), FF/EMT Kristen Higgins and FF/EMT Tyler Fairman (Truck).

Training:

Salisbury Fire Department personnel are constantly training in order to better serve the public. Recently, members of D-shift participated in dive training. With water covering so much of our region our divers must be proficient with their skills in order to effectively serve the public. Dive teams are highly trained and skilled in this specific type of operation and must complete specific rescue training courses before attempting a rescue mission.

Members of D-shift also trained on using HUMAT valves for use during water supply operations. Managing water supply is an important job at any fire and ours crews must be proficient with these skills to ensure the incidents are managed quickly and effectively. We were also able to include the Allen Volunteer Fire Company in some of our training.



D- Shift Notable Incidents

7/24/2024: Units from the Salisbury Fire Department Special Operations responded to Talbot County to assist with a hazardous materials incident. A bottle of muriatic acid had spilled inside of a pool company's van. SFD crews worked with crews from Talbot and Anne Arundel Counties to isolate the chemical and eliminate any threats to the public.



9/6/2024: Just before 9:00 am on, D-shift members were dispatched to a report of a garage fire off of Northwood Drive. Crews arrived to find a well involved garage with exposure to a house. The first arriving truck and engine pulled multiple handlines to protect the house and begin to extinguish the fire in the garage.

11/9/2024: D-shift personnel were dispatched to a reported townhouse fire off of Moss Hill Lane. Units arrived to find an end of the row townhouse with fire in the living room and kitchen areas. The fire was quickly contained without damaging any of the other townhomes. The cause of the fire was found to be a lithium ion battery powered moped.



11/9/2024: A mere 30 minutes after clearing the fire off of Moss Hill Lane SFD units were dispatched to another reported fire, this time a shed on fire off of Schumaker Lane. Crews arrived to find a shed fully involved with exposure to the house. The crew of Truck 2 pulled handlines off the ladder truck and extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be unsupervised outside burning.

Community Outreach

During the month of October, all four shifts assisted the Fire Prevention Task Force with several fire safety talks and fire engine displays. The task force visited schools, daycares and other venues during Fire Prevention week. This year the task force with the help of all shifts saw over 1400 kids and adults to spread the word about practicing good fire safety and what to do in the event of an emergency. Lt. Zach Bridges of A-Shift leads the fire prevention task force with assistance from the Fire Marshal's Office. Zach and his team do an outstanding job in coordinating the events.



On August 26, 2024 D-shift personnel assisted other city departments with their City Neighborhood Walk. Departments from across the city get together to walk various neighborhoods and talk to the citizens about any issues or questions they may have.



Correspondence from the Community

Thank you for the
Flowers and Cookies
Dabbie Comegyp
&
Family

Members of the Salisbury
Fire Dept,
I cannot thank everyone
enough for providing a
Sanitary crew for the Ellendale
Fire Dept. during this
difficult time. Also, thank
you so much to those who
came to my brother's service
to pay their respects. My
brother talked about maybe
someday joining the dept.
once he obtained his EMT
license, therefore your presence
was heartfelt.

Your sympathy and
thoughtfulness
will always be gratefully
remembered
and deeply appreciated

Love, Madison Berry
(sister of Thomas Berry III)



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July 25, 2024

Chief Rob Frampton
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Dear Chief Frampton:

This letter is written in thanks for the equipment support given to the Wicomico County Roads Division and Operators of the Wicomico County Upper Ferry, on Monday, July 22, 2024.

On Saturday July 20th, during the normal Ferry operating day, Upper Ferry Operator Harold Lewis experienced a break in the cable that guides the vessel across the Wicomico River. This forced the County to close Ferry operations until repairs could be made. A major part of this repair process was to rerun the replacement cable across the River, on a boat with the appropriate weight capacity to safely carry and run the replacement spool from one side to the other.

Station 16 afforded the Wicomico County Roads Division the use of Salisbury FD's Fireboat, under the operation of Assistant Chief Mike Danaway, FF/EMT Jimmy Gardiner, and LT Kyle Gray. The crew promptly provided the necessary support needed in order to repair the broken cable mechanism and re-establish operations within 90 minutes.

The Upper and Whitehaven Ferries constitute an integral mode of transportation in the Wicomico County area. A relatively simple concept, the two Ferries afford motorists over 200,000 free trips across the Wicomico River each year, transporting passengers and their vehicles, using this low-tech bridge alternative since 1688.

On Monday July 22nd, the 3-person crew and Fire Boat of Salisbury FD was of great value in restoring Ferry service to the citizens of Wicomico County. Please accept the heartfelt thanks - from the Giordano Administration and the users of the Upper Ferry - for a timely "rescue" of Ferry Operations!

Very Respectfully,

Michael Swaby
Deputy Director
Wicomico County Public Works

Beaglin Pickles,
Thank you for Fire Station No. 1 -
for those who came to help
me after falling & breaking
my hip in April.
I am a 100-year-old and
falling as I did - I think to
always be careful. But it
happened and you all helped
me - I wish I could give
you more so thank you for
my help.

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Hello my FRIENDS

I want to thank you a lot for your help, your caring and your courtesy.

Eric and I spent 2 awesome weeks with you.

I have learnt a lot of things that I share with my friends (they are envious)

Thanks to :

- Team A : The car crash team ☺ I love team A
- Team B : The fire team ☺ I love team B
- Team C : The safety dog team ☺ I love team C
- Team D : The Rita's team ☺ I love team D

I have a great respect for you and your work.

☺ Thanks for the quiet nights !!! ☺ (radio dispatch) , The chickens, chickens, chickens meal ☺ ... And the runs for lift the old man with the robot love doll ☺

Come in France !!! Visit PARIS (my Town), NICE , NORMANDIE (Respect), JONCELS (Eric's town).

Have a good day,

Take care,

Hello to your Families.

Thanks to the Chief FRAMPTON for his Trust.

The Frenchy

Thank You!

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the love, sympathy and support you have extended to our department during this time of loss.



With much appreciation,
SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY - EMS

Thank you for your willingness to
come to our aid during such a
difficult time.

- CISM + Peer Support
Team