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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.

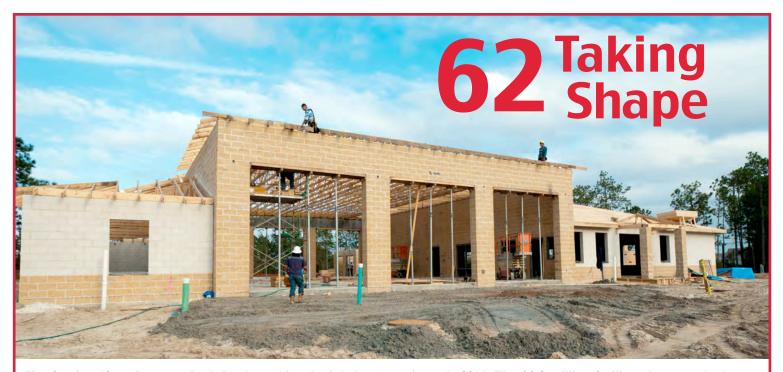
JFRD's new lieutenants, captains and chiefs may introduce concepts to improve how we conduct and manage the business of emergency response. And like all municipalities, ours is interested in seeking efficiencies and cost-savings, so fresh ideas are welcome. So is the reinforcement of what already works, 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,

Marty Senterfitt
Director/Fire Chief



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.





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



Capt. William Held



Capt. James Kane



Capt. Eric Mitchell



Capt. Frank Rogers



Capt. Danny Rushing



Capt. David Rutkowski



Capt. Eileen Teston



Capt. Terry Young



Lt. Daniel Arms



Lt. Caleb Baker



Lt. Jeff Baker



Lt. Ryan Bayliss



Lt. Dallas Butler



Lt. Wesley Chambers



Lt. Jason Gray



Lt. Billy Green



Lt. Jason Hale



Lt. Ryan Nicholas



Lt. Phillip Orelli



Lt. Stephen Priester



Lt. Eric Prosswimmer



Lt. Tyler Ring



Lt. Mike Salazar



Lt. Will Seymour



Lt. Brandon Smith



Lt. Jimmie Snipes



Lt. Tim Torbett



Lt. Todd Treadwell



Lt. Mike Virtue



Lt. Rod Ziriak



Eng. Taylor Artel



Eng. Chuck Baldwin



Eng. Pete Bilodeau



Eng. Josh Bullard



Eng. Jasper Carter



Eng. Brandon Conn



Eng. Johnnie Buchanan



Eng. Kyle Callahan



Eng. Troy Cole



Eng. Carly Dennison



Eng. Troy Denson



Eng. Bobby Dopson



Eng. Paul Evans



Eng. Josh Gartenbush



Eng. Clark Gladden



Eng. Derek Golden



Eng. Shawn Hall



Eng. Robert Hane



Eng. Eric Hansen



Eng. Michael Hargrove



Eng. Ryan Haynes



Eng. Cody Hellum



Eng. Ryan Hern



Eng. Scott Holechek



Eng. Nnaemeka Ibeabuchi



Eng. Jason Jones



Eng. Tavien Jones



Eng. Brian Kernohan



Eng. Alex Kimmel



Eng. Willie King



Eng. Doug Kirkendall



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Eng. Joe Mancino



Eng. Chad Mills



Eng. Corey Nail



Eng. Stephen Pullen



Eng. Christopher Ray



Eng. Chad Remsen



Eng. Joseph Rica



Eng. Tommy Romano



Eng. Travis Sad



Eng.Chris Scott



Eng. Mike Scott



Eng. Sean Seng



Eng. Brandon Shindler



Eng. Ryan Smith



Eng. Howard Smothers



Eng. Robert Spencer



Eng. Yuriko Stowers



Eng. Harry Strayer



Eng. Eric Struble



Eng. David Szarmack



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	R70160	E36	E53	BRUSH TRUCKS (Top 5)
R28375	R87153	E30	E46	BR4210
R4375	R59150	E32	E48	BR506
R22347	R33148	EI	E56	BR315
R30338	R57148	E9	HAZ725	BR575
R19336	R23146	E24	E143	BR353
R2321	R86145	E21	HAZ2III	MARINE UNITS
R17315	R85142	E2	E45	M140
RI303	R8I14I	E13	HR4	M403
R21298	R84129	E42	E40 6	MI382
R20297	R49127	E150 198	LADDERS	M392
R31293	R5389	E17 195	L30	FIELD CHIEFS
R34288	R4651	E7	L28 190	F3 126
R15287	R4341	E37 177	L44	R104122
R24279	R4025	E154	L31	R105110
R27273	R45II	E55 166	TL21124	F4
R13270	ENGINES	E135 164	TL9123	R10387
R25268	E28	E5	L34	F5
R7267	E19	E12156	L10	F9
R5261	E22	E59 156	LI 106	F7
R36249	E31	E14145	L4	F6 62
R51249	E51	E58	L18	FI58
R32237	E18280	EII	L26	F2 51
R52234	E44	E29	TANKERS (Top 5)	F8
R35220	E20	E33	T2877	
R54205	E10	E26 129	T5274	OCTOBER TOTALS
R58200	E27	E57	T3140	EMS 8,637
R7I194	E152	E41 102	T2924	FIRE
R55192	E25	E1691	T4222	NON-EMR183
R42188	E4	E49		Total Calls 0,442
R50185	E34	E23		

September 2013 Call Volumes

RESCUES	R59160	E21	E1657	BRUSH TRUCKS (Top 5)
R4378	R23157	E24	E46	BR4215
R28358	R70157	E36	HAZ746	BR578
R22357	R87156	E42	E48	BR315
R30341	R85154	E20	E143	BR353
R2329	R84146	E34	E56	BR502
R17325	R33145	E2	E45	MARINE UNITS
RI321	R57	E27	E40	M399
R31319	R8I	E150	HAZ2112	MI38 2
RI9314	R86	E4	AIR58	M1402
R7300	R4994	E37	HR46	M402
R20294	R5382	E7	LADDERS	FIELD CHIEFS
R21290	R4666	E12181	L28	F3 153
R15285	R4342	E5	L31	R104126
R5283	R4030	E13	L44	R105116
R36278	R4519	E17	L30	R10395
R32276	ENGINES	E154	L18	F4
R13267	E28	E58	LI	F6
R24266	E22	E14155	L10121	FI
R25260	E31	E33	L4	F5
R34244	E19331	E59 146	TL21106	F7
R51240	E30	E135	L34	F9 54
R52230	E10318	E55	TL964	F2
R27208	E18318	E26	L26	F8
R42208	E25	EII	TANKERS (Top 5)	
R54206	E51	E29	T5253	SEPTEMBER TOTALS
R50200	EI	E57	T3150	EMS
R55197	E32	E41III	T2849	FIRE
R35194	E44	E23	T4237	NON-EMR163
R58185	E9	E49	T3324	Total Calls 9,943
R7I185	E152259	E53	T5424	