



THE SECOND ALARM

A Department Without Limits

DECEMBER 2019
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CHIEF'S TOPIC OF THE MONTH



Service to Mankind

A popular interview question for firefighter applicants is, “Why do you feel you would be a good firefighter?” Almost everyone states that they like to help people and want to make a difference. The perception of helping people is often concentrated on answering emergency calls but serving mankind has a much broader meaning.

Serving the community is much more than responding to 911 calls. Our organization is known for offering assistance to stranded motorists, installing smoke alarms, providing home safety surveys, delivering gifts for the Mayor’s Christmas Motorcade, shopping for Christmas with children that have suffered a loss from fire, as well as collecting money for both the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Burn Foundation.

Service to mankind also includes our coworkers. There are many ways we can serve each other on the job. In our organization, much like similar paramilitary organizations, there are job functions matched to the rank structure and we learn the basics of our job in recruit school. As our years of service increase and ranks change, our job functions also change. It is easy to get caught up in the mindset of, “that’s not my job”. However, there are many times I witness officers and chief officers working side by side with all members to reach the common goal. Structure in the organization allows us to focus on assigned tasks but at the end of the day, there is still one mission for all of us. We have a Mission Statement that spells out what our focus is every day but the basic meaning behind our Mission Statement is simply, to serve.

“The highest distinctions is service to others.” – King George VI



Brian Boutwell





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Valdosta Fire Department took First Place in the Hungry at Home Cart Race.



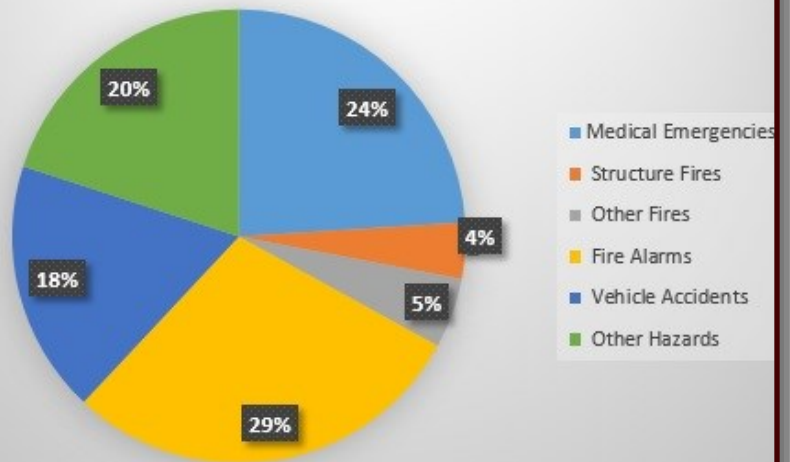
It is always an honor for Valdosta Fire Department personnel to be invited to events honoring our veterans.

Birthday Bulletin

Robert Mercer	12/07
Justin Smith	12/17
Hunter Young	12/19
Davasio Johnson	12/21
Scott Watson	12/21
Dereck Willis	12/29
Steve Walker	12/31
Robert Gaines	12/31

Happy Birthday!

283 Incidents in November



POINTS OF INTEREST

- Submission to the newsletter should occur before the 20th of each month
- Feel Free to submit photos with your submissions
- Have a strong opinion about a topic of concern to our fire department? Feel free to submit a piece for review and possible publication in the newsletter.



CFAA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CFAA Reminders / Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **CFAA General Meeting**
There will be NO General Meeting in December!
Enjoy your holidays!
- ♦ **Mayors Motorcade**
December 4 (If you plan to donate any items, please deliver to Station 1 by December 3rd.)
See Attached Flyer/Information
- ♦ **Christmas Parade "Christmas on Main Street"**
December 7 (If you want to help and or participate in the parade reach out to cfaavaldosta@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Shop with a Fire Fighter**
December 10th at Walmart—Norman Drive
Event begins at 7PM (If you are volunteering , please arrive by 6:30PM)
- ♦ **VFD Christmas Dinner**
6pm-8pm at the Forrest Street Community Center
1901 North Forrest Street
- ♦ **CFAA-Adopt A Child for Christmas**
Two children have been selected. All donated items must be delivered to Station 1 by December 13.
See Attached Flyer/Information

Events must be presented at general meetings and approved to be added to the calendar or by special request through the Chief and the VFD.

Our Mission

"Our mission is to contribute to the functions of the Valdosta Fire Department while supporting service projects and fostering positive relationships among the community."

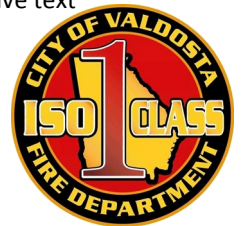
Need the 411?

If you are not receiving updates and emails or if your contact information has change, make sure to send an email to: cfaavaldosta@gmail.com

Include your name, your contact information and CFA Class #.

You can also sign up for Remind 101 and receive text reminders by:

Texting this message
@vfdc
To this number:
81010



Also, if you have not connected on Facebook, visit here: <https://www.facebook.com/VFDCFA/>

If you missed the last CFAA newsletter, check the Group Facebook Page or send an email to: cfaavaldosta@gmail.com



The Citizens Fire Academy Alumni (CFAA) are citizens whom have completed the Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) through the Valdosta Fire Department. If you are interested in signing up for the next CFA course, please email Tangela Rowe with the Valdosta Fire Department at: TROWE@VALDOSTACITY.COM

If you have completed a CFA course and would like to receive more information on the alumni, email: CFAAVALDOSTA@GMAIL.COM

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Mayor's **MOTORCADE**  **DONATIONS NEEDED BY DEC 3!**

HOLIDAY

Gift **DRIVE**

BENEFITING **LOCALS** IN NEED     

Visit valdostacity.com for more details

DONATION BOXES LOCATED AT VFD STATION 1 OR CITY HALL

Mayors Motorcade: CFAA—Lets help promote and provide for this event.

Donations need to be delivered to Station 1 by Dec. 3rd.

Mayor's **CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE**

Help the Valdosta Mayor and Fire Chief make this season brighter for more than 100 patients—ages 7 to 73—at the Parkwood Development Center. Listed below are items needed by patients that your generous donations may help provide. All donated items should be new and unwrapped. Thank you for sharing holiday joy!

CLOTHING		PERSONAL CARE
Pajamas	Belts	Toothpaste
Nightgowns	Tennis Shoes and Shoe Strings	Toothbrushes
Bathrobes	Light Jackets	Combs/Brushes
Socks	Shirts and Pants	Dove Body Wash
Underwear	Baseball Caps	Degree Solid Deodorant
Bedroom Shoes		After Shave
Hats		

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Stationary	Board Games
Pens/Pencils	Cards
Tote Bags	Watches
Cookies/Snacks	Small Boombox Radios
DVDs (PG/G Only)	Headphones
Hair Accessories	Large Bouncy Balls
Coloring Books	CD's
Cardboard Children's Books	Crayons



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ADOPT A • FOSTER • CHILD FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Child #1

Age 14 Shirt Size: 3X
Girl Pant Size: 18/17
 Shoe Size: 9 1/2

Wish List:

1. LOL Doll
2. Glitter Slime
3. Label Maker
4. Headphones
5. Earrings
6. Lip Glosses
7. Diary
8. Gift Card

Child #2

Age 17 Shirt Size: Large
Boy Pant Size: 32 Long
 Shoe Size: 14

Wish List:

1. VISA Gift Card
2. Nike Sids (Shoes)
3. An iPhone Case (for iPhone 8 plus)
4. Nike Shirts
5. Gaming Headphones with Mike (for Playstation 4 Gaming System)



Items are due no later than Friday, December 13.