



# THE SECOND ALARM

## A Department Without Limits

JULY 2019  
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### CHIEF'S TOPIC OF THE MONTH

#### The Pathway of Decision Making

Many of you have heard me reference the book, *The Mission, The Men, And Me* by Pete Blaber when referring to decision making priorities. Pete is a former Delta Force Commander so how does that parallel with the Fire Service?

The answer is simple, The 3 M's can relate to any organization that has a mission to fulfill and understands that their people are the most valuable asset. The "mission" of the Valdosta Fire Department is to respond in a safe manner to all reported emergencies of our customers, to protect their lives and property through fire prevention, public education, and the mitigation of emergencies and disasters, whether natural or man-made. As long as we report to work with the mission being our first priority, we are doing the job that has been asked of us. All members must feel empowered to do whatever it takes to serve our customers.

The "men" is referring to all members of the organization. The members are the most valuable asset. Without the members, the apparatus don't move, the equipment does not operate, and the customers never receive the help that they need. It is the job of Leadership to ensure that our members are being taken care of. Chief Broome always liked presenting to our citizens the importance of all divisions within the department. It takes the cooperative effort from all divisions to fulfill our mission. It is imperative that we consider the members when making decisions.

"Me" refers to ourselves as officers, chiefs, parents, family members, and other forms of leadership that we play a role in. It is important that we remember our own needs come last in the priority chain of decision making. This is not insinuating that we are not important. It simply puts in perspective that we must first consider the mission, then make sure that we are taking care of our members in fulfilling the mission, then consider our own needs. It is exemplary of servant leadership.

"The leader is entrusted with the lives of his members and accepts unlimited liability for their welfare"

--Lieutenant Colonel B.P. McCoy, USMC



Brian Boutwell





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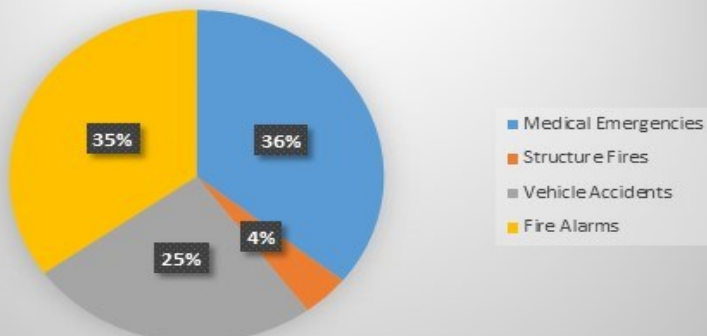
## VALDOSTA FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVE BURN TRAINING



Valdosta Fire Department conducted "live fire" training at 613 New Hudson Street. This training is conducted in homes donated for fire department training. The training conducted in acquired structures offers real life experience in controlling fires in residences. This type of training is made possible by the cooperative efforts of Mr. Richard Joyner with Neighborhood Development Division and South Georgia Medical Center EMS. Lt. Justin Ply served as the lead instructor for the training that offered beneficial training for 25 Valdosta Firefighters. Lowndes County Fire Rescue and Thomasville Fire Rescue also participated in the training event.



299 Incidents in June





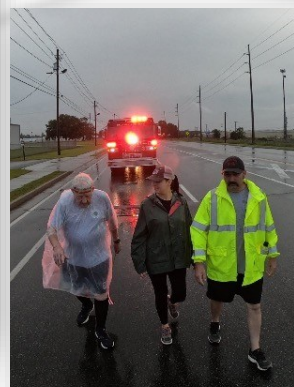


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During the month of June, Ernest Andrus, a World War II veteran, made his way through Valdosta. Ernie is running coast to coast for the second time, raising money for the LST 325 Ship Memorial. The LST 325 is a World War II ship used to land equipment and troops on hostile shores. His goal is to have the LST 325 return to Normandy for a D-Day Memorial.

Ernie was escorted through Valdosta by personnel from Valdosta Fire Department, Valdosta Police Department, and Georgia State Patrol. On June 12, a cook out was held for citizens to meet Mr. Andrus. The cookout was made possible through donations from Sam's and Pepsi. A special thanks to all city personnel involved in making this event happen. Mr. Andrus expressed his appreciation for the special event held in his honor.

If you would like to donate or need more information about Ernie, you can visit [www.Coast2Coastruns.com](http://www.Coast2Coastruns.com)





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## BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Respond to the call. Give blood.

## City of Valdosta Annual GUNS VS. HOSES Blood Drive Mathis Auditorium

Multipurpose Room  
2300 N. Ashley Street  
Valdosta, GA 31602

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**  
**2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Presenting donors will receive a picnic meal.

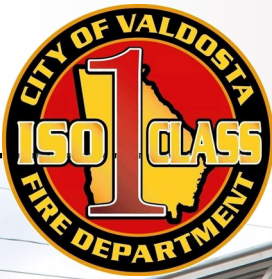
Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and make your appointment online using sponsor code: cityval

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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The Valdosta Fire Department strives to educate the citizens of all ages on fire safety.

For more information contact Tangela Rowe, Fire & Life Safety Educator at:  
229-333-1835



## Birthday Bulletin

Ricardo Garcia	07/07
David Jones	07/11
David Heeter	07/13
Wade Briggs	07/14
Charles Tatch	07/26
Justin Ply	07/28
Tangela Rowe	07/29

## Happy Birthday !

### 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:

- ♦ **Guns vs Hoses Blood Drive**  
Battle of the Badges—Respond to the Call and GIVE BLOOD on behalf of the Fire Department!!!  
Wednesday, July 31st (2PM-8PM)  
At: Mathis Auditorium (2300 N Ashley Street)
- ♦ **Community Wide Back to School Block Party**  
VFD Will be holding a table at the event on Saturday, August 3 from 9-12, come out and volunteer to help.
- ♦ **Valdosta Veteran's Ministry Dinner**  
August 3, at 6:00 p.m.  
The 5th Annual Anniversary Dinner Banquet  
CFAA Invited to support and attend. \$30 per ticket .  
Email [cfaavaldosta@gmail.com](mailto:cfaavaldosta@gmail.com) for information on how to purchase a ticket. Seating is limited.



- ♦ **CFAA General Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 20 @ Fire Station 1  
Conference Room (6:00 p.m.)
- ♦ **CFAA Provides Dinner for NEW CFA Class #6**  
Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the  
Valdosta Fire Station Training Center.  
(Sign Up Details included in this Issue.)

*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.*

*If you missed the last CFAA newsletter, check the Group Facebook Page or send an email to:  
[cfaavaldosta@gmail.com](mailto:cfaavaldosta@gmail.com)*

## 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."*

## Recruitment Rally

Citizens Fire Academy, after all, it is why we are all here. What better way to support our Valdosta Fire Department than by encouraging more citizens to participate in this amazing program. At the same time, who doesn't like a little healthy competition...

**Now through the month of August...Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!!!**

Invite friends, neighbors, family and co-workers to apply and participate in the next CFA. The CFA Class 6 is scheduled to begin August 27. The CFAA member with the highest number of recruits will earn bragging rights for the next year and the title of CFAA-Recruitment Champion.

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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](mailto: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/>  
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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](mailto:TROWE@VALDOSTACITY.COM)

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



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## Highlights on Community Outreach Initiatives

CFA Class #6 is scheduled to begin next month on August 27th.

The CFAA are responsible for providing the dinner.

Please sign up by emailing: [cfaavaldosta@gmail.com](mailto:cfaavaldosta@gmail.com)

Include what type of item you can bring.

★ Main Dish ★

★ Sides ★

★ Dessert ★

★ Drinks ★

If providing food or drink please arrive to the Fire Training Center  
by 5:15 p.m. to set up.

