



FLYING TIMES



THE QUARTERLY REPORT
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I would like to welcome you to our first edition of the Flying Times, our quarterly newsletter. We will be presenting a summary of the Metro Richmond Flying Squad and RFD Foundations activities in future editions.

The Metro Richmond Flying Squad is quickly approaching our 4th anniversary and has exciting things in our future. The acquisition of the decommissioned Richmond Firehouse on Bainbridge Street will allow our organization to flourish into the future. Restoring a piece of Richmond Fire history is exciting for both our organization and the residents of Woodland Heights and Swansboro. We anticipate closing on the property by early summer of 2021.

Our organization set a record in 2020 with 50 responses to emergency incidents. The support we have received for our first annual 50/50 end of year raffle was amazing. We are adding new members to our roster and are always looking for those with the heart of a volunteer to offer some free time to providing support to our area firefighters.

Thanks to retired Richmond Battalion Chief Larry Glidewell we implemented an ongoing revenue source with the States Charitable Gaming Program. Thank you Chief Glidewell for your help implementing this program.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and we look forward to publishing new editions into the new year.

Steve

Metro Richmond Flying Squad Inc.



RFD FOUNDATION LETTER

The RFD Foundation is proud to take part in the first quarterly Metro Richmond Flying Squad newsletter. The RFD Foundation has a vision that every member will have the support of our fire family, comprised of both friends and family. In 2008, the RFD Foundation was founded by several members of the Richmond Fire Department after a series of illnesses, injuries, and deaths prohibiting them the ability to work to provide for their families. The RFD Foundation has an established network that has provided assistance and emotional support to numerous retired and active members, uniformed and civilian.

The financial support that you provide assists Richmond Fire Department members reach its overall goal by responding to emergencies that protect the lives and property of the City Of Richmond residents and visitors. As the RFD Foundation continues to grow, we need your support now more than ever to. With your help, new programs to help our community and members can be made possible. Since 2017, the Metro Richmond Flying Squad has been a partner providing support to first responders in the Richmond Region that respond to emergency calls and acquiring decommissioned Richmond Fire Station 17 on Bainbridge Street.

In 2021, we will be reaching out to our current members for your expectations and input for the future of the RFD Foundation. We would like to offer more programs and support but we need your assistance. If you are interested and have a passion to grow our organization, consider supporting us financially or can give recommendations to our board. Thank you for your support and we look forward to growing with you.

Clinton Lewis
Vice-President
RFD Foundation

FORMER FIREHOUSE 17 RESTORATION UPDATE

The Metro Richmond Flying Squad has a purchase contract with the City of Richmond for the former Fire Station 17 at 2901 Bainbridge Street. This process has been ongoing for the past two years and we anticipate taking ownership early in 2021.

The building was originally established in 1917 for the purpose of housing horse-drawn fire equipment and remained an active firehouse until relocating to a new facility on November 6, 2012.

Plans for renovation of this firehouse include administrative offices, sleeping quarters, and community meeting space. Plans also include incorporating an antique fire department equipment display area and memorabilia throughout the facility.

Currently, the MRFS shares apparatus space at various City firehouses with limited storage areas available. Having our own headquarters will no doubt allow our organization to operate more efficiently and allow our group to grow and flourish.

We are thankful for the support from our many sponsors.



RFD WELCOMES NEW EQUIPMENT

The Richmond Fire Department recently acquired four new pieces of apparatus. Three 2020 Pierce Enforcer pumpers were placed into service, assigned to Engine 16, Engine 18, and Engine 20. Perhaps the biggest change for the RFD is the acquisition of Richmond's first tiller since 1989. Truck 3 is a 2020 Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant tractor drawn aerial truck.

The Flying Squad supported firefighters during multiple days of practical tiller driver training.



Lawrence Trey White



Lawrence Trey White

RUN HIGHLIGHT

RUN # 20-048

During the evening of December, 19th fire dispatchers received multiple 911 calls reporting several apartments on fire on Nelson Street. Richmond's Engine 8 reported heavy fire from several blocks away. They arrived on the scene and reported two apartments fully involved. Based on initial radio traffic, the Battalion Chief requested the 2nd alarm.

Rehab 1 arrived on scene and set up a rehab area in the parking lot. Firefighters cycled through the rehab area throughout the incident.



Run Log

OCTOBER 2020

RUN # 20-030

OCTOBER 1, 2020- ACTIVATED 01:03,
GARAGE FIRE AT 3121 WOODCLIFF AVE

RUN # 20-031

OCTOBER 7, 2020 - ACTIVATED 20:21
M/D FIRE AT 2923 GARLAND AVE

EVENT

OCTOBER 8, 2020 - ACTIVATED 10:00
RECRUIT EXTRICATION TRAINING AT
CHESTERFIELD AUTO SALVAGE

EVENT

OCTOBER 11, 2020 - ACTIVATED 09:00
BRAD CLARK MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB
AT LIBBY HILL STAIRS

RUN # 20-032

OCTOBER 11, 2020 - ACTIVATED 21:10
HOUSE FIRE AT 10401 CHEROKEE RD

EVENT

OCTOBER 12, 2020 - ACTIVATED 08:00
RECRUIT LIVE BURNS AT RICHMOND FIRE
TRAINING ACADEMY

EVENT

OCTOBER 13, 2020 - ACTIVATED 08:00
RECRUIT LIVE BURNS AT RICHMOND FIRE
TRAINING ACADEMY

RUN # 20-033

OCTOBER 16, 2020 - ACTIVATED 01:54
HOUSE FIRE AT 209 PLAZAVIEW RD

RUN # 20-034

OCTOBER 20, 2020 - ACTIVATED 22:05
ROW HOUSE FIRE AT 2011 VENABLE AVE

RUN # 20-035

OCTOBER 22, 2020 - ACTIVATED 04:29
HOUSE FIRE AT 6209 PATTERSON AVE

RUN # 20-036

OCTOBER 23, 2020 - ACTIVATED 13:45
SCRAP YARD FIRE AT 3000 BELLS ROAD

MRFS MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2020 - 19:00
MEETING/ TRAINING AT RFD FIREHOUSE 18

RUN # 20-037

OCTOBER 30, 2020 - ACTIVATED 00:36
HOUSE FIRE AT 2400 TERMINAL AVE

RUN # 20-038

OCTOBER 30, 2020 - ACTIVATED 18:59
WATER/TECH RESCUE AT TREDEGAR

NOVEMBER 2020

RUN # 20-039

NOVEMBER 1, 2020- ACTIVATED 01:17
HOUSE FIRE AT 1422 CLARKSON RD

RUN # 20-040

NOVEMBER 2, 2020 - ACTIVATED 12:31
GAS LEAK (CAR 17) AT 1938 RAVEN ST

RUN # 20-041

NOVEMBER 2, 2020 - ACTIVATED 17:43
HOUSE FIRE (CAR 17) AT
6413 ERNHART RD

EVENT

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 - ACTIVATED 19:00
ON CALL STAFFING - CITY-WIDE

EVENT

NOVEMBER 4, 2020 - ACTIVATED 14:00
PUBLIC EVENT AT GEORGE WYTHE HS

EVENT

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - ACTIVATED 9:00
WOODLAND HEIGHTS AT
2901 BAINBRIDGE RD

RUN 20-042

NOVEMBER 17, 2020 - ACTIVATED 20:32
COMMERCIAL FIRE AT 10 E. BROAD ST

RUN # 20-043

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 - ACTIVATED 10:42
2-ALARM COMMERCIAL FIRE AT
1000 W. CARY ST

RUN # 20-044

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 - ACTIVATED 9:37
COMMERCIAL FIRE AT 1101 DANCE ST

RUN # 20-45

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 -ACTIVATED 19:07
HOUSE FIRE AT 115 LARNE AVE

DECEMBER 2020

RUN # 20-46

DECEMBER 3,2020 - ACTIVATED 01:47
HOUSE FIRE AT 8531 CHEROKEE RD

RUN # 20-047

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - ACTIVATED
HOUSE FIRE AT 5307 LIMESTONE DRIVE

EVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2020 - ACTIVATED 10:00
SUPPORT TILLER DRIVER TRAINING AT
THE DIAMOND

RUN # 20-048

DECEMBER 19, 2020 - ACTIVATED 19:54
2-ALARM M/D FIRE AT 1243 NELSON ST

EVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020 - ACTIVATED 10:00
SUPPORT TILLER DRIVER TRAINING AT
THE DIAMOND

RUN # 20-049

DECEMBER 25, 2020 - ACTIVATED 01:26
HOUSE FIRE AT 3712 NORTH AVE

RUN 20-050

DECEMBER 26, 2020 - ACTIVATED 11:51
HOUSE FIRE AT 1416 OVERLOOK STREET

EVENT

DECEMBER 31, 2020- ACTIVATED 18:00
MRFS 50/50 DRAWING AT
O'TOOLES RESTUARANT

HEALTH HIGHLIGHT

BY FIRERESCUE1 STAFF

We all know that a working fire taxes firefighters physically and mentally. Getting firefighters into an effective fireground rehab area will improve their short-term health issues, such as dehydration and heat-related illness, and improve their long-term health conditions, such as hypertension. Most fire departments accept that in theory yet struggle to execute it in practice. Below is a list from rehab and medical experts of seven elements fire departments need for effective rehab sectors and, ultimately, healthier firefighters.

- 1. Sound guidelines and procedures.** The first step to making sure the rehab sector works is having your procedural ducks in a row. Once sound standard operating guidelines and procedures are in place, train your staff to reinforce the importance of these rules and to identify holes or gaps that may need altering.
- 2. Clear landmark.** Have a flag or some other marker that is clear and easy to identify on the fireground to let firefighters know where the rehab sector is. A highly visible landmark makes it impossible to deny rehab's existence.
- 3. Quick intake.** If firefighters have to wait 10 to 15 minutes for anyone to see them, they very well may wander away. Engage them quickly, not only to make sure there is nothing life-threatening occurring but also to get them in the system and make sure they stay in rehab for the appropriate amount of time.
- 4. Team of responders.** To support quick intake, it is critical to have enough medical responders available to monitor, evaluate and treat firefighters in the rehab sector. The amount of personnel needed will be dictated by the size of the incident, the number of firefighters on scene and the environmental conditions.
- 5. Vital signs.** Getting vital signs can often be a rehab bottleneck, but this is a must-have. Get heart rate and blood pressure readings first and quickly, before those rates naturally drop. In the field, automatic blood pressure devices are less reliable; do it the old-fashioned way. A third important vital sign is a carbon monoxide reading. Using CO oximetry allows medics to get both a heart rate and a CO level with one action.
- 6. Food, drink, supplies, shelter.** Rehab sectors should be well-stocked with healthy food and drinks – this means no sugary beverages. Always have plenty of water available. Also, have enough medical supplies at the ready to treat any emergency likely to come upon a fireground, paying special attention to dehydration, heat-related illness, cardiac events, and exhaustion. Provide warming or cooling shelters when the weather dictates their need.
- 7. Designated scribe.** Have a person dedicated to recordkeeping. This person will need to log the name and unit of each firefighter who comes through the sector, as well as the time in and time out and the firefighter's vital signs. A simple form is key. An effective rehab sector plan will include the elements listed above.

Adequate supplies, training and staffing are key to successful execution.

RFD Historical LODD

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

CAPTAIN R.M. NORMENT

DIED OCTOBER 10, 1915

FIREFIGHTER W. R. ODELL

DIED OCTOBER 10, 1915

FIREFIGHTER C.L. ATKINSON

DIED OCTOBER 10, 1915

FIREFIGHTER A. N. CREASY

DIED OCTOBER 19, 1930

LIEUTENANT E.L. BENDLE

DIED OCTOBER 23, 1963

FIRE CHIEF G.C. SHAW

DIED NOVEMBER 21, 1908

PROCUREMENT OFFICER P.L RILEY JR

DIED NOVEMBER 30, 2007

FIREFIGHTER E.R.BIBB

DIED DECEMBER 3, 1961

FIREFIGHTER C.C. JONES

DIED DECEMBER 19, 1958

FIREFIGHTER W.C. MATT

DIED DECEMBER 21, 1916

FIREFIGHTER H.C. BOTTOMS

DIED DECEMBER 24, 1943

FIREFIGHTER B.W. HARRIS

DIED DECEMBER 27, 2006

HISTORICAL

BY JOHN HINANT

December 21, 1916 -

Remembering Richmond, VA Fire Captain William C. Matt, of Engine Co. No. 7, age 36 years old, who died when he was knocked off of a ladder and fell 30 feet to the ground while operating at the Imperial Coffee Company Plant fire at 14th and East Cary Streets. He was the Thirtieth member to die in the Line of Duty.

Requiescat In Pace.

December 3, 1961 -

Remembering Richmond Firefighter Emmett R. Bibb, age 48 years old, of Truck Co. No. 3. Emmett died on December 3, 1961, as a result of being thrown from the tiller position, as he was training another member in tilling. He struck his head on the ground after losing his helmet. He was the Twenty-Fifth member of the RFD to die in the Line of Duty.

Requiescat in Pace

IFBA CONVENTION 2024



We are excited to announce that Richmond Virginia has been selected as the location for the International Fire Buff Associates Annual Convention in 2024. The Metro Richmond Flying Squad is the host fire buff club and will also receive support from other regional clubs.

The International Fire Buffs Associates (IFBA) is an International Organization that consists of 8 regions located throughout the United States and Canada. These 8 regions consist of 63 fire buff clubs.

A fire buff is a person with considerable interest in the fire service, while not being an active member of these services fire buffs often collect firefighter memorabilia or provide support at incidents with rehabilitation and canteen services.

Many fire buffs are organized in associations and integrated into auxiliary services for their local fire departments. The term 'fire buff' is said to go back to the beginning of the 20th century, when early fire buffs attended emergencies during wintertime wearing fur coats, thus coming to be called "buffalos".

The IFBA Annual Convention is a much-anticipated event for the members of the IFBA and this will be our opportunity to showcase our wonderful City and the steep firefighting history in our Metro Richmond Region. In recent years, the annual convention was held in the District of Columbia, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Racine WI, and Montreal. The



2020 convention was going to be held in Nashville TN but was canceled due to the pandemic. Box 55 Association in Nashville worked hard to host an exciting convention but unfortunately had to be canceled. The 2021 convention will be in Ottawa Canada and hosted jointly by the Greater Toronto Multiple Alarm Association and the Pompiers Auxiliaries de Montreal. The Metro Richmond Flying Squad received its Charter into the IFBA on June 29th, 2019

Link to the IFBA website: <https://ifba.org/>



**VOLUNTEERS ARE SELDOM PAID.
NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS BUT
BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS!**



Do you live in the Metro Richmond area and have a couple of hours each month to volunteer to help support our area firefighters? If so, please consider joining our rehabilitation support team. No previous experience as a firefighter is necessary, only the willingness to help and the heart of a volunteer. Our volunteers are the backbone of the organization. Without those willing to give some of their time and talent our team would not exist. Please consider clicking on the link below to begin the easy membership process.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

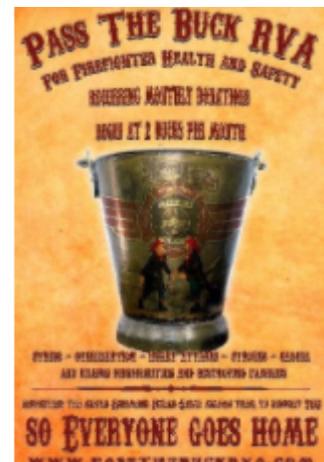
50

Runs for 2020

The Flying Squad ended 2020 by logging 50 runs in our logbook. This was a record number of incidents our team provided support at incidents.

YEAR	TOTAL RUNS
2017	20
2018	30
2019	30
2020	50

We celebrated our 50th run by holding our first annual 50/50 raffle on New Year's Eve. Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket this year. Congratulations to the winner who donated part of their winnings back to the Flying Squad. Our program is financially backed by several programs. Our primary source of revenue involves charitable gaming. We would like to extend a big thank you to retired Richmond Battalion Chief Larry Glidewell for helping us implement this profitable revenue source. If you know any restaurants or bars that would like information on an additional revenue source with this program, please email our charitable gaming director at dodvirginia@gmail.com. Another exciting program we implemented in 2020 is the "Pass the buck RVA" program. This allows individuals to easily donate a minimum of \$2 on a monthly basis to help support our team's operational costs. Please follow the following link for more information on this program: <https://www.rvaflyingsquad.com/pass-the-buck>





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