

NATIONAL WOMEN'S



HISTORY MONTH

CFEMS FIRST CIVILIAN FIRE LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR

CFEMS proudly recognizes Maycee Mason, our first-ever civilian Fire Life Safety Educator (FLSE). Mason is a dedicated public servant with a strong background in both military and emergency services. After serving 5 years active duty in the Army, Maycee transitioned to a career in public safety, joining Columbus Fire and EMS in January. Ms. Mason started with CFEMS as an EMT-B student, successfully completing various fire and life safety training courses and earning her EMT-B certification. In August 2024, she started her position as part of the CFEMS Community Risk Reduction (CRR), Fire Prevention Division. During her tenure, she has coordinated over 155 events, engaging 16,408 youth and 8,062 adults. Additionally, she has conducted more than 65 educational classes covering critical topics such as fire extinguisher training, fall prevention, fire prevention, holiday fire safety, smoke alarm education, emergency exit planning, "Get Out, Stay Out" training, "Stop, Drop, and Roll" drills, fire alarm drills, firefighter awareness, and CRR education. Through her efforts, she has reached approximately 3,938 citizens, promoting fire safety awareness and prevention. Maycee is definitely an asset to Columbus Fire and EMS. We salute her this month as we celebrate March 2025 Women's History Month.

CFEMS RECOGNITION

Long1984



2025



Long's Class 1984



Firefighter Veronica J. Long (Black) started her career with Columbus, Georgia Fire Department in 1984. She resigned from her job as a clerk in a drug store to become a firefighter for better pay. Before being hired, she had to undergo medical exams and a physical fitness test. During training, she was the only female in a class of about 26 personnel. She endured vigorous hours of practicing firefighting techniques, classroom hours as well as search and rescue. Long stated she served from 1984 to 1987.

According to the Columbus Enquirer article dated August 16th, 1984, Long was mentioned as being the third woman among the Columbus Fire Department's 328 firefighters. Today she is retired after 34 years with Dekalb Community Service Board.

FEMALE RECURITS

During Women's History Month, Columbus Fire and EMS would like to acknowledge our most recent hired female firefighters: Firefighter Dene't Bryant, Firefighter Jaida Bryant, Firefighter Brooke Hoover, Firefighter Mariah Jones, Firefighter Autumn Kelley, Firefighter Laura Liesendahl, Firefighter Molly Lopez, and Firefighter Jada Williams.

SOUND THE ALARM CAMPAIGN



The Sound the Alarm campaign took place Saturday March 8th; 183 smoke detectors were installed in 97 homes and 314 people reached. A huge thanks to the American Red Cross, Wesley Heights Elementary, the Columbus Basic Law Enforcement Cadets and CFEMS firefighters, Councilor Tucker and City Manager Hugley. Let's keep our community safe!

JERSEY MIKE'S DAY OF GIVING



On March 26th Jersey Mike's Subs sponsored their Cure Childhood Cancer fund. Cure offers funding for pediatrics cancer research and support families with children suffering from different types of cancer. Cure assisted one of our very own whose child needed treatment miles away from home. Thanks to Chief Shull for supporting Jersey Mike's efforts by providing lunch for staff members.