

MAY 2019



Newsletter



We are thrilled to bring to you the first edition of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation, Inc. (AFRF)'s newsletter.

This monthly publication will provide in-depth information on the programs and initiatives that support the members of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department (AFRD) who continue to protect the City of Atlanta.

AFRF was formed by local, concerned citizens who wanted to provide firefighters and EMT's the resources they needed to keep Atlanta safe. Fifteen years later, our mission remains the same. Our mission is to support AFRD in saving lives and property by providing essential equipment, training and community engagement to enhance city resources. With over 80% of the budget earmarked for salaries and benefits, AFRD relies on supplemental private support to cover the critical gap between the city's budget and the mission of AFRD. Each month, this newsletter will cover stories that highlight how our foundation is making a difference through programming and partnership. We want to thank you for taking time to read our newsletter and ask that you do two things: Share and Support...so please save the date for our annual Breakfast With Our Bravest this November. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the brave men and women who keep our city safe.

Sincerely,
Shirley Anne Smith
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE! BREAKFAST WITH OUR BRAVEST



November 12th at 7:30 AM
143 Maple Drive
Atlanta, GA 30305
www.atlfrf.org/bwob



Camp Ignite

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Camp Ignite 2019

This past February 2019, AFRF launched its first youth development program, Camp Ignite. Camp Ignite, recognized as Metro Atlanta's first girls fire camp, featured a partnership between Atlanta Public Schools and Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. The 3-day camp gave participants a behind-the-scenes look into the life of a firefighter. "Our goal is to expose young women to a pathway that provides them the opportunity to both serve their community and live their ultimate potential," said Executive Director, Shirley Anne Smith. To learn more about Camp Ignite, please visit www.atlfrf.org/campignite.

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

AFRF wants to ensure that our sworn and civilian personnel continue to serve our great city while also pursuing their academic dreams. Through the TAP program, the foundation offers tuition reimbursement up to \$3,000 per year for approved educational expenses when earning an undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited university. Sergeant Alex Hofstadter from Station 11C is currently pursuing his masters degree and explained, "I never thought I would pursue any higher education after my bachelors degree but after spending 8 years with Atlanta Fire Rescue I knew I would need a masters degree to achieve my professional goals. I was on the fence for the last year and after learning about the scholarship, it convinced me to take a leap of faith and begin schooling. Thank you again and please let our community know how impactful this has been in my journey towards higher learning".



Adopt-A-Station

Firefighters consider fire stations their "home away from home". During their shifts, firefighters eat, sleep, exercise and train at their station assignment. The Adopt-A-Fire Station Program allows interested individuals, neighborhoods, and businesses to adopt their local firefighters through a donation to their community fire station. Donations help AFRF purchase basic amenities that increase firefighter health and wellness and overall quality of life. Every month, we will feature one of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department stations. **This month we will highlight Atlanta Fire Station 7 on Atlanta's westside.**

Station 7, nicknamed "The Rock", was first opened in 1894, making it the oldest fire station in the City of Atlanta. In 1910, Station 7 was moved to its current location on West Whitehall Street in the West End. The station was closed in 2009 due to city budget cuts. Station 7 was then recommissioned for service on December 31, 2017 by former Mayor Kasim Reed and Fire Chief Joel G. Baker.

The station has the capacity to house an Engine as well as an EMS Supervisor. Both units are designed to respond quickly to medical emergencies and provide rapid assessment and treatment of patients in pre-hospital setting. The rapid response capabilities at Station 7 will ultimately make a difference in the West End Community as well as the city at-large. To support your local fire station, please visit www.atlfrf.org/adoptafirestation.



Did You Know?



AFRD responds to over 100,000 of non-emergency calls which include medical emergencies, water rescues, hazardous material incidents, vehicle accidents, entrapments, and more. Whatever the emergency is, the fire service is prepared to respond to it.



AFRD is HIRING? AFRD is currently accepting applications, if you or someone you know is interested, please have them apply at www.atlantafirerescue.com.



Fire Chief Randall B. Slaughter is a Native Atlantan and military veteran? To read and learn more about his service click here for his bio.

