

ECO Linwood Harris

ECO Linwood Harris has been with the department for eighteen (18) years. Within those years he has seen many changes with the DECPR. During the month of July, A Platoon was hit with a temporary loss of an employee leaving us with ECO Harris being our only fire operator for half of the month. Knowing that some days he may not get the desired breaks, ECO Harris was understanding of the need and did exactly what we needed him to do.

ECO Harris worked thirteen (13) working fires/incidents in the first half of the month and most of them he handled alone. His experience as a fire radio operator was put to the test during those days and he passed with flying colors. On his first day away from fire radio, he was needed to train an employee on the radio. Again, with no complaints or frustrations expressed, he stepped up to the task. He took his time and diligently explained every facet of the radio and its functions with the trainee. During this day he and his trainee played a major part of connecting Police, Fire, and EMS personnel with the pertinent information needed to recover the body of a missing person located in the James River.

The very next day, the need of the platoon required



ECO Harris to continue a different trainee's training. Again, ECO Harris took on the task and exceeded expectations. He began the day with an overview with the trainee and trying to get familiar with what they knew and didn't know. Once he had a good feel, they made a game plan for the day and proceeded accordingly. The training went on seamlessly for the next few days, with the trainee having the opportunity to see a veteran employee manage a live subject pursuit properly.

ECO Harris is an employee who is flexible, understanding and has no issues with doing what is asked of him. I recommend that Emergency Communications Officer Linwood Harris be considered for Emergency Communications Officer of the Month of July 2023.