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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Fire Chief Corey Thornton

As we set our sights on the year ahead we find ourselves in a world fraught with many challenges. As we move further beyond the devastating impacts wrought by COVID-19 two years ago, we continue to feel the lingering effects of the virus, its variants and the possibility of other viral diseases looming.

We also find ourselves moved by human tragedy occurring in distant lands in the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, which has drawn world attention and aid. We are well aware of the fact that the freedoms we enjoy in this country come at a heavy cost, and that the struggles, sacrifices and yes even loss of life paved the way for all of us to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

That said, in this issue of THE CALL, we take a moment to reflect on the patriotism, heroism and symbolism of strength of the Firefighters and Officers among our ranks who have served in the Military, those who continue to serve and all who stand with us to bolster our ranks.

Know that we are honored that you are among us and we thank you for your service not only to the citizens of East Point, but in every capacity you have served and continue to serve to protect this country.

We also introduce you to the Fire Department's Homeland Security Manager Andre Moore, who talks about a prevailing threat that governments, businesses and organizations across the world face today.

Enjoy this issue of THE CALL.

Honored to Serve,

Chief Corey Thornton



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The United States Army



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FIREFIGHTER CARLOS QUINTANILLA



LIEUTENANT SHANNON BARNETTE



FIREFIGHTER SCOTT ZOEBSCH



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The United States Navy



FIREFIGHTER | LOGISTICS SPECIALISTS
SIDNEY GOODEN



FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER TURNER

The United States Marine Corps



FIREFIGHTER JOSE VALDOVINOS

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The United States Army National Guard



FIREFIGHTER SHAQUILLE WEAVER

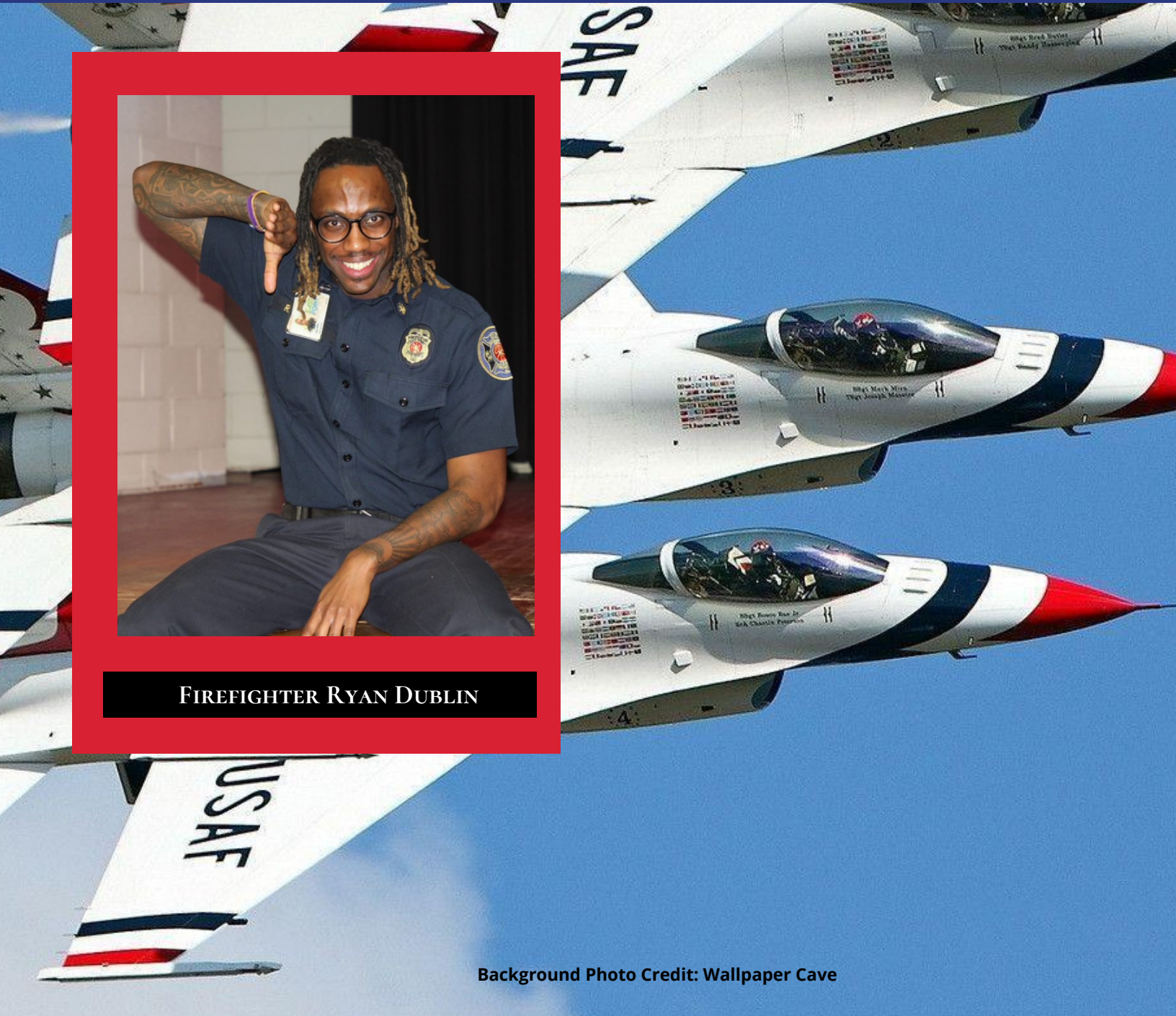
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The United States Air Force



FIREFIGHTER RYAN DUBLIN



The background of the entire image is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail. The flag is draped and has a soft, wavy texture.

With Deep Gratitude

**FOR THE SACRIFICES YOU HAVE MADE
TO GIVE US THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY**

I SALUTE AND THANK YOU

ON BEHALF OF

**THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE CITY OF EAST POINT
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Corey Thornton



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SCHOOL CAREER DAY

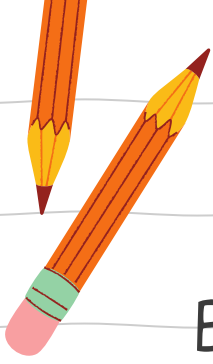
School age youngsters at Brookview Elementary in East Point enjoyed a morning of lively conversations and Show and Tell by Firefighters at Career Day on March 7, 2022.

Firefighters guided students on a tour of the Fire Truck, and demonstrated how equipment is used while also answering questions from inquiring minds. Show and Tell consisted of a Firefighter donning and doffing gear to help students overcome any fears of seeing a Firefighter suited up when responding to a fire or another emergency incident.

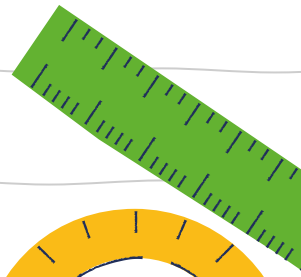


Above Photo Left to Right - FAO George Sheffield, Firefighter Shaquille Weaver and Lieutenant Doug Stanley talk to students about the job of fire fighting.





School Career Day at Brookview Elementary



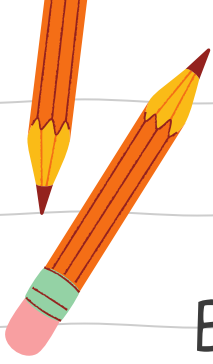
Photos: Firefighter Shaquille Weaver surrounded by students as he dons and doffs his gear,



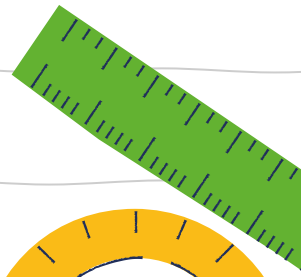
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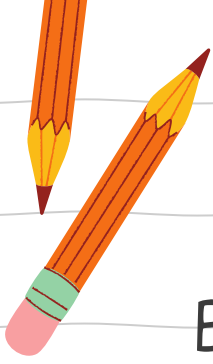
Above Photos: Firefighter Shaquille Weaver removes his facepiece and Nomex hood as students look on



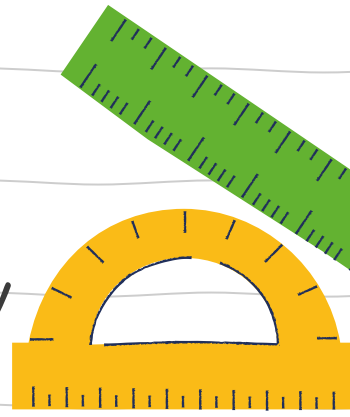
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School Career Day at Brookview Elementary



Above Photo: Atop the Truck, FAO George Sheffield shows students where hoses are stored, while Lieutenant Doug Stanley talks specifics about the use of hoses on a fire scene.



Above Photo Left to Right: Lieutenant Doug Stanley and FAO George Sheffield display the tools Firefighters use, and points out the compartments where they are stored.



March 7, 2022

SHOW AND TELL



Happy Birthday



To You!

Firefighter Darion Myles
FAO Kevin Blandenburg
Firefighter Carlos Quintanilla
FAO Jason Turner
Firefighter Shaquille Weaver
Lt. Charles Barnette
Lt. Sammie Cole
Firefighter Ellis Richardson
Lt. Kelly Williams
Firefighter Jeffery Williams
Lt. Brandon Ervin
Chandra Brooks
(Fire Dept. Office Manager)





Photo Left to Right: Firefighter Ezroy Thompson, Firefighter/EMT Kristin Shelton
Firefighter/EMT Kelwin Lockhart, Firefighter/Paramedic Coleman Lynn

Life Saving Actions of Engine 4

by Renita T. Shelton

East Point Firefighters that staffed Engine 4 A-Shift on March 12, 2022 are being lauded for their precision skills and swift actions that saved a woman's life.

The crew responded to an emergency call of a woman down, not breathing. On scene, Firefighters found a 35-year-old woman on the bathroom floor of her home exhibiting shallow breathing. Swiftly, Firefighters moved the patient to an open area where they rapidly performed an assessment, and discovered the patient had a weak pulse.

Paramedic Coleman Lynn led Firefighters in opening the patient's airway and providing IV access. Firefighter Ezroy Thompson expeditiously retrieved emergency equipment as other Firefighters conducted a further patient evaluation, at which time it was determined the patient suffered a possible drug overdose.

Paramedic Lynn, assisted by the Acting Officer In Charge - Kelwin Lockhart - promptly administered two doses of the medication Narcan, that is used to reverse/block the effects of an Opioid drug overdose.

The crew continued performing patient assessments, and rendering emergency medical aid as needed until Grady Ambulance arrived, and the patient was transported.

East Point Fire Chief Corey Thornton said the Firefighters actions are a testament to the Fire Department's dedication to training. "We are a Department of men and women who are mission focused, trained and ready to respond swiftly, skilled and confident to handle any and every situation."

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Seeking Firefighters

Are you searching for a career that's **rewarding**, **meaningful**, **satisfying** and **challenging**? We encourage you to look into becoming a Firefighter with the City of East Point Fire Department.

- Earn an income of \$50k+ and a Pension
- Enjoy the benefits of a flexible schedule: 24 hours on, 48 hours off
- Receive pay while training and attending EMT School which we cover the expenses for
- Be part of an environment that fosters inclusion and Teamwork

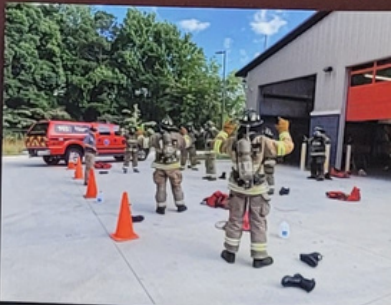
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We are passionate about our Mission to prevent disastrous incidents from occurring and minimizing damage to life property and the environment.

Join our efforts. Make a difference in the life of others and yours.

Fire Chief Corey Thornton



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MEET HOMELAND SECURITY MANAGER ANDRE MOORE

by Renita Shelton

When the East Point Fire Department created a position for a Homeland Security Manager, it was a proactive step toward ensuring and strengthening the safety and resiliency of the citizens of East Point in preparation for a local or national threat or emergency.

It is a formidable task that Andre Moore oversees as the Homeland Security Manager (HSM) for the East Point Fire Department. As the HSM, Moore guides aspects of the City's emergency planning, hazard mitigation and preparedness activities. His duties require the coordination and creation of interdepartmental, multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional Homeland Security planning, training and exercises as well as maintenance of the City's Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

In a recent conversation, Moore spoke about the security challenges facing the world today; as well as what he perceives to be the greatest security threat.

MEET ANDRE MOORE

P.I.O. Shelton: 9-11 was the catalyst for the establishment of the United States Department of Homeland Security in 2002. As technology has evolved, with it a new enemy has emerged, increasing vulnerability. What is the dominate threat we should be concerned about today?

HSM Moore: There's a host of new and evolving cybersecurity threats that have the ability to disrupt every facet of municipal operations.

President Biden through his Executive Order 14208 directed that the Nation's Cybersecurity be enhanced so that the Country's ability to handle threats is keeping pace with the quantum leaps being made in the digital ecosystem. As a result, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, established what is known as the Cyber Security Review Board (CSRB) in February of this year. The CSRB is an unparalleled public and private collaboration between government and industry leaders who assess cybersecurity threats to determine ways to improve protection of the nation's infrastructure and networks.

During the Board's inaugural meeting on February 25th of this year, the group connected with practically 80 organizations and individuals to discuss the cyber event known as Log4j that occurred in December 2021. CSRB



describes Log4j as an open source software that developers have merged into an untold number of software packages due to its popularity among (Java) software developers because it is easy to operate, effective in use, and it's a free download. It's also on the radar of Cybercriminals who seek opportunities to remote in and take control of a device that utilizes the software.

A vulnerability was detected in 2021 that had the propensity of adversely impacting governments, organizations and businesses across the globe. Why or how? Because we are living in an age where we are all interconnected due to shared digital technology and digital space.

P.I.O. Shelton: How does this fold into Smart Medical Devices and Electronic Medical Records?

HSM Moore: The health care industry is still going through a major evolution as most patient medical records have now moved online, and medical professionals realize the benefits of advancements in smart medical devices.

However, as the health care and EMS industry adapts to the digital age, there are a number of concerns around privacy, safety, and cybersecurity threats.



"I think of the world and environment I would want my family to live in. This helps to fuel my passion for everything I do."

Homeland Security Manager Andre Moore is a devoted family man to his wife Lovereen, and the father of three daughters: Ava, Sophia and Norah. Here Moore is pictured daughters Ava and Sophia.

MEET ANDRE MOORE

P.I.O. Shelton: Let's move on to discuss other ways in which you are serving the Fire Department. It's a known fact that you have had remarkable success in helping newly sworn Firefighters pass the National Registry. Your pass success rate is 100%, which is really impressive. What do you attribute this to?

HSM Moore: There are two keys to being successful in passing the National Registry: Time Management and Reading Comprehension.

In EMS classes, you are expected to digest and master nearly 1,300 pages of medical terms, concepts and theories in a few months. Without aggressive time management, making learning your sole priority, and consistently testing yourself to make sure you know the information, passing the National Registry becomes a real challenge.

When I took my first EMT class, my book was in tatters by the end of the course. It was literally held together with duct tape and rubber bands because I was constantly flipping through the pages, making notes, and referencing the material to make sure I knew it.

Comprehension is critical. I find if a person I'm teaching does not fully understand the basic concepts in Chapter 1, they will experience great difficulty advancing to content in Chapter 40.



The teaching model for the National Registry is tiered and intertwined, so failure in grasping pieces of information will ultimately result in huge learning gaps down the line.

When I'm tasked with helping a Firefighter pass the National Registry, typically the individual is days or weeks away from termination, after multiple unsuccessful attempts. Furthermore, it is a mandatory condition to continued employment with the East Point Fire Department, that personnel pass the National Registry.

Therefore, the pressure is on the Firefighter and me, as I quickly analyze each Firefighter's learning style, and adjust my teaching techniques to help the individual connect with the material.

It is a team effort and rewarding for both the Firefighter and me when that individual passes.

P.I.O. Shelton: What are some of your greatest achievements?

HSM Moore: There are several. However, for the sake of time, I will narrow it to two. Career wise, choosing to become a Firefighter, and seeing the positive difference I am making in the lives of others.

My greatest achievement however, is being a

MEET ANDRE MOORE



Photo : Homeland Security Manager Andre Moore reading to students at an East Point Daycare

HSM Moore (continued): Husband to my wife Lovereen, and our being the proud parents of three beautiful daughters.

It is and always has been critically important to me to create stability in their world, and to the best of my ability I am doing that from deciding to become a Firefighter to my present position as Homeland Security Manager.

As a Firefighter we are sworn to preserve and protect, which is a natural fit for who I am as a Husband. a Dad and a Man.

P.I.O. Shelton: You are multi-talented, gifted and skilled. What is your "next" concerning the Fire Department?

HSM Moore: I am definitely working on some great things that will not only benefit the Fire Department, but the residents of East Point. It's important that our citizens, businesses, and visitors to the area know that the Fire Department is here to serve them, and continue to ensure their wellbeing. In regard to your question, concerning what is my next, for now let me just say, "Stay Tuned."

RTS

Since this interview Andre Moore has successfully written a grant for the Fire Department to receive a total of 1.3 million dollars to create an Emergency Operations Center.

INSPECTOR QUINTAVIUS HILL PROMOTES TO ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL



Fire Inspector Quintavius Hill has promoted to Chief in becoming the Assistant Fire Marshal for the City of East Point Fire Department.

Hill joined the Fire Department in January of 2006, and has enjoyed a steady rise through the ranks from Firefighter to Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) in 2011 to Fire Inspector in September 2020 followed by this most recent achievement to Assistant Fire Marshal in October 2021.

In November 2019 Hill completed training to become a Certified Peace Officer, and was presented the coveted "Top Shooter" award for being the most highly skilled marksman in the Class.

As Assistant Fire Marshal, Hill reviews plans for new and existing developments; conducts background checks, performs Fire and Arson Investigations, and leads the Fire Department's Internal Affairs section. Furthermore, Hill will also become a member of the 50 Worst Properties Team that works to ensure all abandoned or vacant homes are properly boarded, registered and secured and that property owners are held accountable.

FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR ANTHONY LEE PROMOTES TO INSPECTOR & INVESTIGATOR



Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) Anthony Lee, a 15 year veteran of the East Point Fire Department, has successfully completed training to become both a Fire Inspector and an Investigator. Lee earned his Fire Inspector Certification in December of 2021, and his Fire Investigator I Certification in February of this year.

As a Fire Inspector, Lee's duties include inspecting new and existing construction, businesses, restaurants, hotels, schools and other facilities operating within the City of East Point to ensure that all life and fire safety codes are met. In addition, Lee conducts inspections to determine whether a business has met conditions to receive a Certificate of Occupancy. He also oversees school fire drills to ensure evacuations proceed both smoothly and in a timely manner.

As a Fire Investigator Lee is tasked with determining the cause and origin of a fire by examining smoke, heat and burn patterns, as well as collecting evidence to make a final determination.

Fire Inspector/Investigator Lee joined the East Point Fire Department in January 2007. He is also an extraordinary photographer and videographer who has captured images for the front cover of this newsletter, THE CALL.



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We are Mission Focused, Trained and Ready.

Fire Chief Corey Thornton