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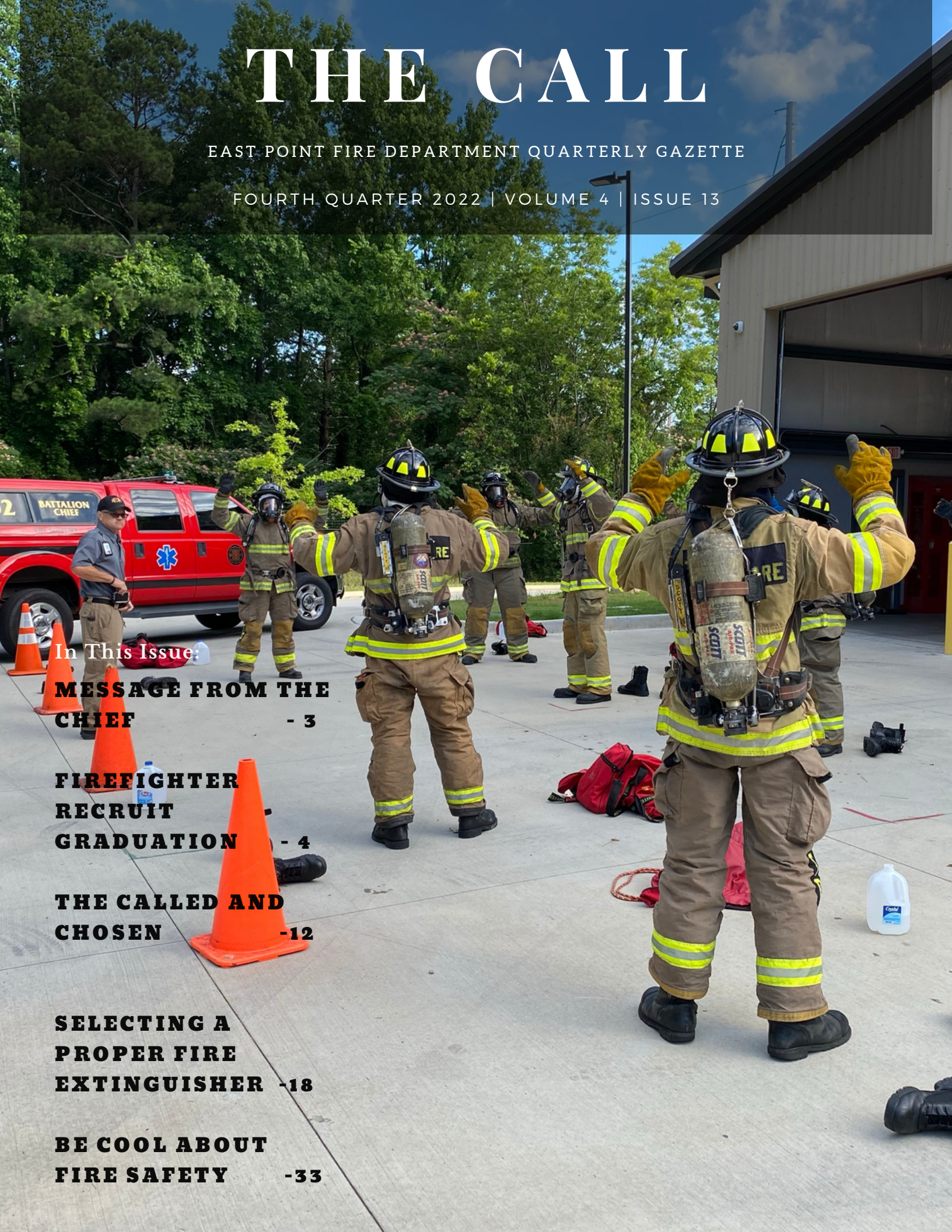
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Photo Credit: Anthony Lee



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Fire Chief Corey Thornton

The East Point Fire Department welcomed its latest graduating Recruit Class as full-time Career Firefighters in a recent ceremony held in July. In this issue of THE CALL we introduce you to the newest members among our ranks who made up the Fall-Winter Recruit Class of 2021.

A critical part of our operation is community outreach. We have created various community programs to engage residents and create synergism to form lasting relationships, partnerships and to strengthen bonds of trust. Our Firefighters are regular participants in School Career Days, which provide an enormous opportunity for us to talk to large groups of students about Fire Safety, and inspire young minds to consider a career in the Fire Service. We share highlights of a few Career Day events we attended, including one at my Alma Mater Tri-Cities High School, where we taught Fire Extinguisher Training to a Culinary Arts class.

Also in this issue, we congratulate the High School and College Graduates of some of our Firefighters as they embark upon higher levels of education or prepare to enter the workforce to establish a career. As members of the extended Fire Department family we commend them on their academic achievements and wish them future success.

Enjoy this issue of THE CALL.

Honored to Serve,

Chief Corey Thornton



EAST POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT
Recruit Graduation Ceremony



EAST POINT GRADUATES FALL-WINTER CLASS

The East Point Fire Department has officially added to its ranks with the latest Graduating Recruits. The ceremony was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the East Point City Annex Auditorium, located at 3121 Norman Berry Drive.

The class of eight underwent 4 months of rigorous training to prepare for and pass Georgia standard check offs to become Certified Firefighters.

Instruction was given in multiple areas including Fire Behavior, Control and Tactics, Building Construction, Vehicle Extrication and Rescue, Forcible Entry, Hazardous Material Incidents, Hose selection and use, Ventilation and Emergency Response.

Firefighter and EMS Training Chief Timothy Evans said the class made the hard sacrifices it takes to become an East Point Firefighter. "This is a career that is demanding on the front end, in terms of training, as well as the back end once the individual is established as a certified Firefighter," Evans stated. "Whether it's during the Recruit stage or once sworn, tremendous sacrifices are made by every Firefighter by way of forfeiting time spent with family and friends to study or work a 24 hour shift. It's a high calling and commitment, that requires the person to be devoted and sworn to duty and service."



Photo: Retired Fire Chief Larry Few

Retired Fire Chief Larry view delivered the Commencement Address. Chief Few was the first African American Firefighter hired by the City of East Point, and is recognized for being the first African American male Fire Chief appointed by the City. Chief Few launched his career in the Fire Service in 1972 in East Point, promoting through every rank to become Fire Chief of the Department in 1993.

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2021 East Point Firefighter
Fall-Winter Recruit Class



Photo: Firefighter DeAnna Brown and Training Chief Timothy Evans

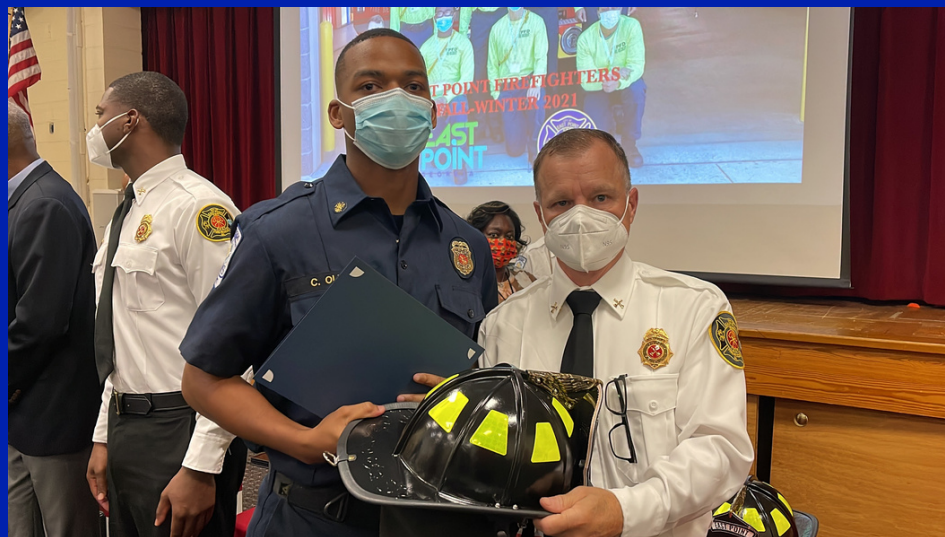


Photo: Firefighter Chemel Olds and Training Chief Timothy Evans





Photo: Firefighter Carlos Quintanilla and Training Chief Timothy Evans

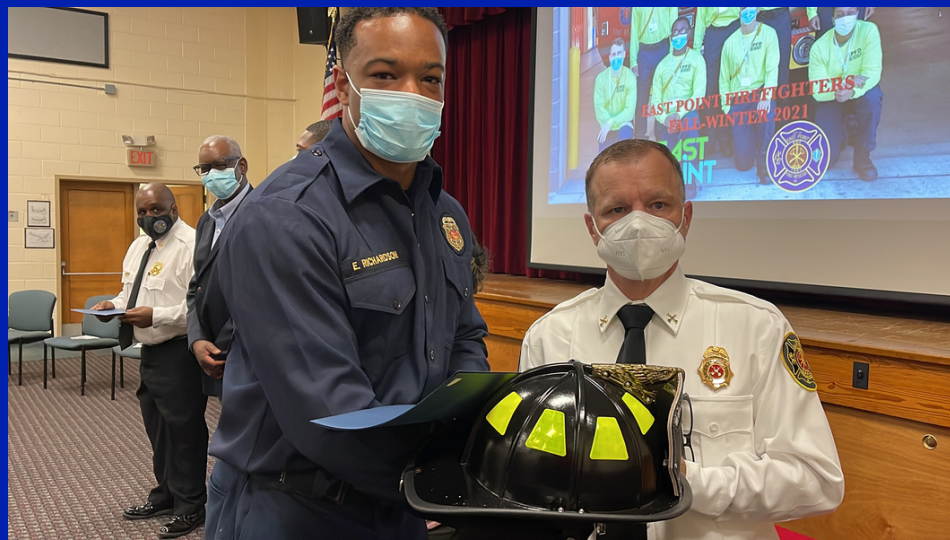


Photo: Firefighter Ellis Richardson and Training Chief Timothy Evans





Photo: Firefighter Ezroy Thompson and Training Chief Timothy Evans



Photo: Firefighter Christopher Turner and Training Chief Timothy Evans





Photo: Firefighter Jose Valdovinos and Training Chief Timothy Evans



Photo: Firefighter Shaquille Weaver and Training Chief Timothy Evans





Photo: Training Chief Timothy Evans addressing Fire Recruits about the tactics involved in Vehicle Extrication

THE CALLED *and Chosen*

by Renita T. Shelton, Public Information Officer

It is often said one senses a calling that leads to a desire to become a Firefighter. That's understandable when you consider the nature of the job.

Training to become an East Point Firefighter is challenging, rewarding, meaningful and satisfying.

It is a career like none other that tests your physical stamina, mental endurance, and quick analytical thinking in being able to respond to, size up and operate within established guidelines to strategically and successfully handle all types of emergencies.



The Called and Chosen: Firefighter Training

Extrication is a critical area of Training for East Point Fire Recruits. Freeing a motorists or victim from a life-threatening situation requires precision and skill in employing tactics.

Firefighters are tasked with operating swiftly and methodically in removing a victim who is entrapped due to an auto collision involving another vehicle or an accident resulting in entanglement with an object.

Powered hydraulic tools are used to perform these rescues. Among the many available are **Spreaders**, which Firefighters use for pushing and pulling, and **Shears** that make it possible to cut metals, woods and plastic.

A powered hand saw with a rugged blade also becomes a tool of choice for cutting car metal as shown in the first photo on the right.

Training to become an East Point Firefighter spans three to four months to ensure that Recruits are prepared to successfully pass checkoffs required by the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council.



Firefighter Training



Photo Above: Firefighter Recruits engage in a straight hose roll which is useful when loading hose back on the truck after a fire or placing it on a rack to store.



Photo Above: Training Chief Timothy Evans checks a Fire Recruit's gear to make certain it was donned properly, which requires the bunker coat be fully fastened and airpack harness cinched.



Photo Above: A successful fire attack operation depends on the coordination, knowledge and skills of the Fire Fighting Team. FAO Jason Turner teaches a Fire Recruit how to hold and aim a fully charged fire line.



Photo Above: Rescues are an important part of training. Recruits are actively trained on how to perform a two team rescue.



Photo Above: Fire Recruits scale a wall of the Burn Building at East Point Fire Station No. 4 to learn how to ascend heights with a fire hose.



The City of East Point Fire Department

Now Accepting Applications

**Rewarding
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**Excellent
Benefits**

Mission Focused + Trained and Ready

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Benefits

- Starting Salary \$50K+
- Pension
- Medical and Dental Insurance
- Tuition Reimbursement

Minimum Requirements

- At least 18 years old
- High School Diploma or GED
- U.S. Citizen
- Valid Driver's License
- No experience required - We Train

For More Information

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Photo: Deputy Chief William Tate talks to students at Tri Cities High School about the science of fire and kitchen safety

TRI-CITIES CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS LEARN KITCHEN SAFETY

By P.I.O. Renita T. Shelton

With Thanksgiving being less than a week away, holiday preparations are underway! Kitchens are becoming the gathering spot as families prepare, cook and taste their favorite dishes. For Tri-Cities High School Culinary Arts Students, time in the kitchen is business, and attention to cooking safety is paramount to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment of their flavorful dishes.

In September, members of the East Point Fire Department visited Tri-Cities High School to provide Fire Extinguisher Training and some basics on cooking safety. Students were instructed on the Five Classes of Fire, and how to select the right extinguisher for the type of material or fuel supply burning.

The classes of Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were taught how to operate an Extinguisher using the acronym PASS, which helps in recalling the steps involved as follows:

- P** - Pull the pin, at the top of the cannister, below or near the handle/lever.
- A** - Aim at the base of the fire.
- S** - Squeeze the lever/handle/trigger (or press the button)
- S** - Sweep from side to side.

Deputy Chief William Tate in addressing a class indicated a tragic mistake people make in trying to put out a grease fire is thinking water can be used. "Even a minute amount of water when dropped into a pan of burning oil will cause an adverse chemical reaction," said Chief Tate. "The reason is oil and water don't mix because they are polar opposites, with water molecules being polar and water nonpolar causing them to repel."



Photo: Deputy Chief William Tate and Tri-Cities Culinary Arts Teacher Chef Cheryl Williams, look on as Fire Inspector and Investigator Anthony Lee teaches students how to use a Fire Extinguisher and gives tips on kitchen safety.

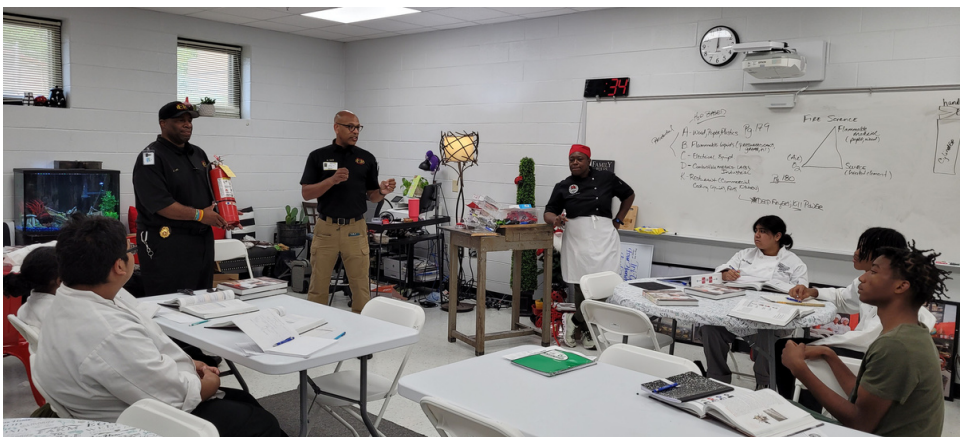
Investigator & Inspector Anthony Lee informed students that all extinguishing systems work by removing one or more of the elements involved in combustion. "For combustion to occur, four elements are necessary, which are oxygen, fuel and heat which combine in creating a self-sustained chemical reaction which is a fourth ingredient." Lee explained. "By removing any one of the components in the fire triangle you put the fire out, which is what a fire extinguisher does."

Chief Tate explained that a portable fire extinguisher is one of the most commonly used fire-protection appliances used today. "In many instances a portable extinguisher can be used to snuff out a small fire in its incipient stage, but it's important to understand as well the limitations an extinguisher has that necessitates a call to 911 for the Fire Department to respond."



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**Anthony Lee,
Fire Investigator and
Inspector**



SELECTING A PROPER FIRE EXTINGUISHER

by P.I.O. Renita T. Shelton

When it comes to fire safety in the home, East Point Fire Chief Corey Thornton says in addition to having a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector there's another tool you should have in your arsenal. "Having a Fire Extinguisher is one of the first steps anyone can take in being proactive and fire safe at home," said Chief Thornton. "However, this does not replace the need of calling the Fire Department through 911 as the situation warrants."

A Fire Extinguisher is a great tool of protection in the early stages of a fire. Knowing the characteristics, and differences between the various types of extinguishers available will help you in making the right selection.

The following is a breakdown of the different extinguishers according to their extinguishing agents - that is the material inside the cannister.

Fire Class, Description and Extinguisher

Class A Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires in ordinary combustable materials, such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber and many plastics• Type A or A/B/C Extinguishers may be used on a Class A fire
Class B Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires involving flammable liquids, combustable liquids, petroleum greases, tars, oils, oil-based paints, solvents, lacquers, alcohols, and flammable gases.• Only B/C and A/B/C Extinguishers should be used on Class B fires.
Class C Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires that involve energized electrical equipment• Only B/C and A/B/C Extinguishers should be used on electrical fires
Class D Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires involving combustable metals such as magnesium, titanium, zirconium, sodium, lithium and potassium.• IMPORTANT: These fires are extremely dangerous! Airborne concentrations of metal dusts can result in powerful explosions. Dial 911 Immediately.
Class K Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fires in cooking appliances that involve combustable cooking liquids such as vegetable or animal oils and fats• Class K wet chemical extinguishers should be used on kitchen fires involving fryer oils and fats.



HAVING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS ANYONE CAN TAKE IN BEING PROACTIVE AND FIRE SAFE AT HOME.

**Fire Chief
Corey Thornton**



FIREFIGHTERS INSPIRE YOUNG MINDS AT SCHOOL CAREER DAY



Children in East Point learned some fire safety tips from Firefighters who visited their schools during Career Day. Our men and women visited several schools around East Point to also talk to students about what it takes to become a Firefighter and to share information on what the job entails. Schools visited recently included Asa Hillard Elementary, Resurgence Hall Charter School, and Woodland Middle School.

To Do List

Notes



Homework

School Career Day
**CLASS IS IN SESSION AT
ASA HILLIARD
ELEMENTARY**



Photo Above and Below: FAO Chip Turner (foreground), Lt. Doug Stanley (background), and Firefighter Kelwin Lockhart (atop Truck) instruct students on sections of the Fire Apparatus



SCHOOL CAREER DAY ASA HILLIARD ELEMENTARY



Photo: Lt. Doug Stanley discusses tactic basics of how the Ladder Truck is used during a fire operation, before showing how the ladder is raised and extended.



Fun Fire Fact:

Hydraulics and/or Pneumatics play a major role in the operation of a Fire Truck Ladder, allowing it to extend to great heights, while sustaining wind gusts up to 50 miles an hour.

SCHOOL CAREER DAY ASA HILLIARD ELEMENTARY



Photo: Firefighter Kelwin Lockhart at the control, lifts the ladder before demonstrating the length of its reach.



Photo: The ladder when fully extended reaches a height of 101 feet.

SCHOOL CAREER DAY ASA HILLIARD ELEMENTARY



Fire Facts:

- The U.S. Fire Administration reports a total of 1,829 Home Fire Fatalities so far this year (2022).
- Research also shows that Men are more likely to die or be injured in fires.
- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that in 2021 there were 338,000 home structure fires, that resulted in 2,840 civilian fire deaths and 11,100 civilian fire injuries.
- The NFPA also reports that a home structure fire was reported on average every 93 seconds in 2021.
- Smoke Alarms and Sprinklers together decrease the risk of dying in a home fire by 82% in comparison to having neither.

SCHOOL CAREER DAY

RESURGENCE HALL

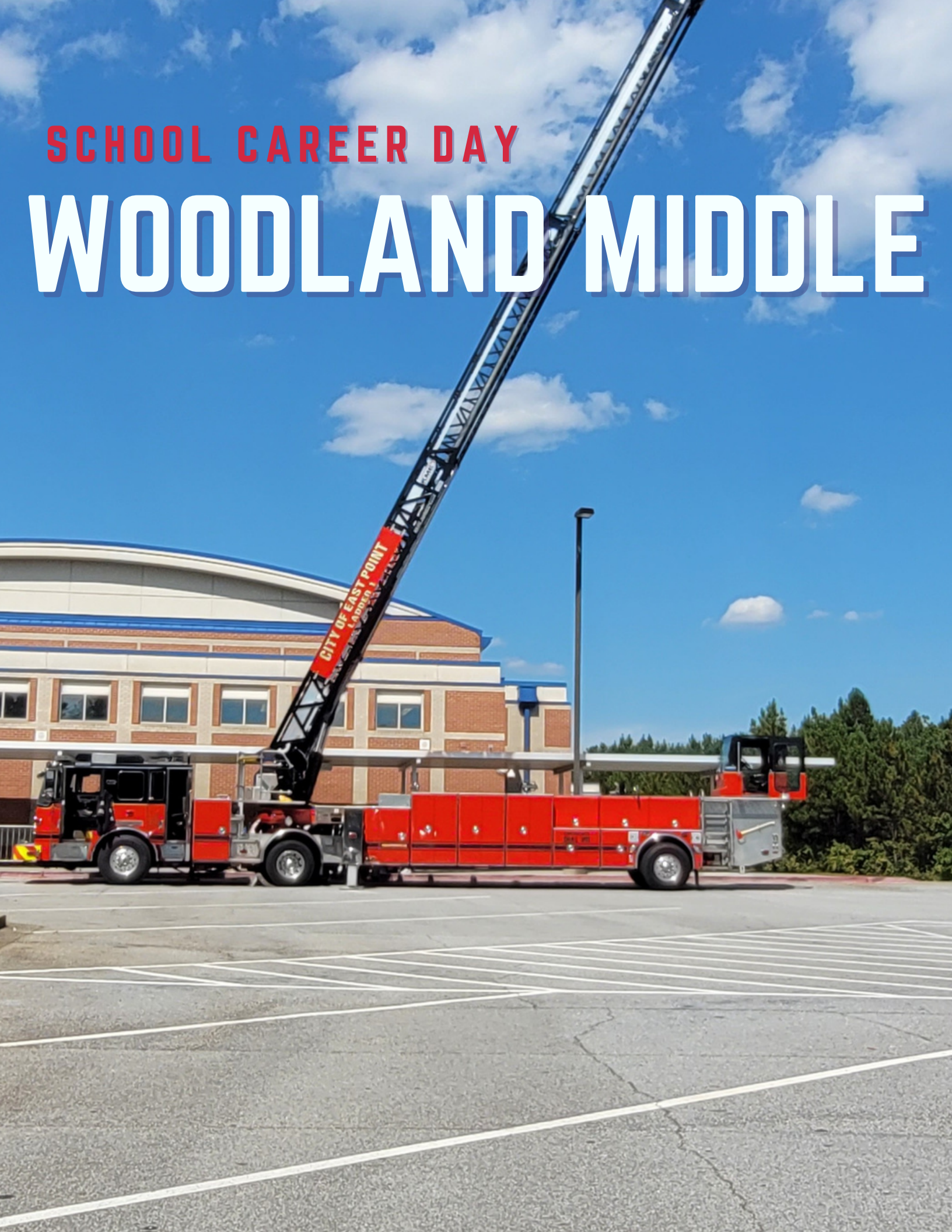


Above Photo (left to right): Firefighter Kadeem Capers, Firefighter Carolos Quintanilla and Firefighter Victor Taylor visit with students of Resurgence Hall.



SCHOOL CAREER DAY

WOODLAND MIDDLE



SCHOOL CAREER DAY

WOODLAND MIDDLE



Above Photo: Lieutenant Kenneth Rucker (arms outstretched) and FAO Jason Turner (standing on truck platform) pose with upper classmen at Woodland Middle School.



Above Photo: FAO Scott Zoebisch talks to students about Ladder Truck 1, and shares his firefighting experiences.



**The East Point Fire
Department
Recognizes the
2022 Graduates of
our Fire
Department
Extended Family**

CONGRATULATIONS

On Your Graduation



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Kendall A. Cooper
Graduate of Alexander High School
Douglasville, Georgia

Son of Kyle Cooper, Firefighter and April Love



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Thomas Chaney
Graduate of Lithia Springs High School
Lithia Springs, GA

**Son of Cedric Chaney, Lieutenant and
Shaune Winder**



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Aria E. Shelton

Graduate of Spelman College, Atlanta, GA.

Bachelor of Science Degree

Major: Math Pre-Med

**Daughter of Renita T. Shelton,
Public Information Officer &
Fire Safety Education Specialist**



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Christian Willis

Graduate of Rhodes College, Atlanta, GA.

Bachelor of Science Degree

Major: Computer Science

**Son of Kenyon Willis , Fire Apparatus Operator
and Jennifer Willis**

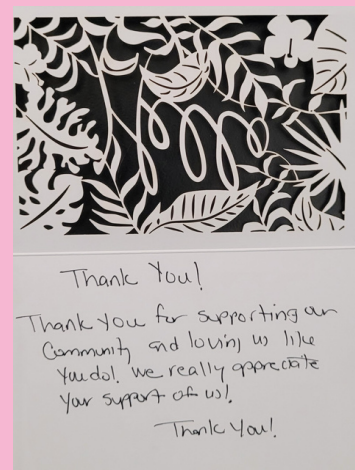
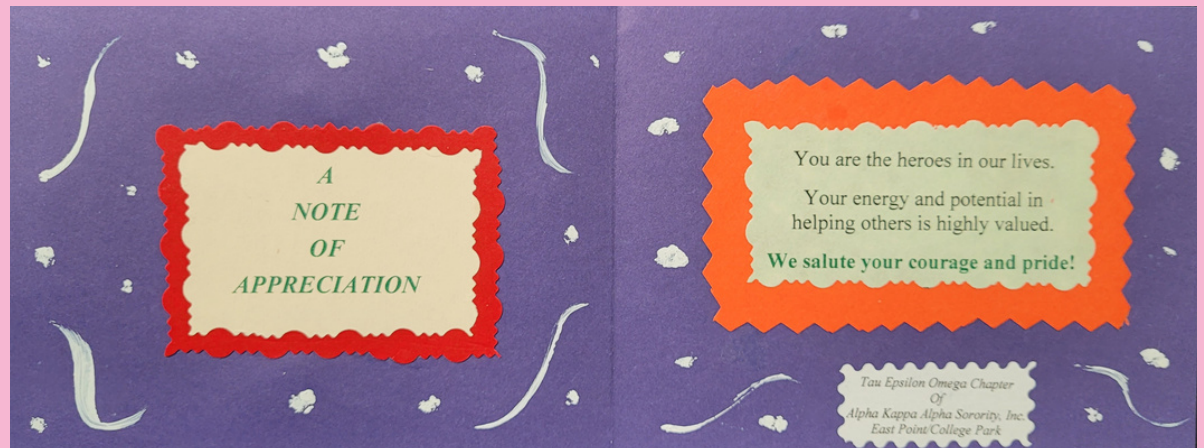


Thank You from the Community



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Tau Epsilon Omega Chapter

East Point/College Park



Be Cool About Fire Safety



FIREFIGHTER'S AND SPARKY TEAM UP TO TEACHKIDS

East Point Firefighters partnered with Sparky to present the East Point Fire Department's Annual Be Cool About Fire Safety Program. The event was held October 12, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. til Noon at the East Point City Annex, located at 3121 Norman Berry Drive in observance of Fire Prevention Week, which was nationally recognized October 9th - 15th.

Sparky and Firefighters educated nearly 100 youngsters through interactive learning techniques on how to respond during a Fire and EMS Emergency.

In keeping with this year's National Fire Protection Association theme, "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape," children enjoyed activities featuring Smoke Alarms, Matches Are Not Toys, 911 Awareness as well as Stop, Drop and Roll.

Children ages 5 and under, and adults age 65 and over account for the highest number of fire deaths in the United States. Statistics reveal that Preschool-age children in particular, have a fire death rate of 35 fire deaths per million children, that is more than twice the national average.

Source:: National Fire Protection Association

2022 Be Cool
About
Fire Safety



As one

Building a

*Stronger, More Resilient, Fire Safe
Community*

2022 Be Cool About Fire Safety

Photo Right (Left to Right standing): Fire Chief Corey Thornton pictured with Fire Recruits Joseph Hill, Jaylin Blandenberg, DeMarcus Faust (in Sparky Costume), Justin Tolbert and Chief Charles Kendrick.

Fire Safety Clowns Tevin Smith (left) and Delenthius Sidney (right).

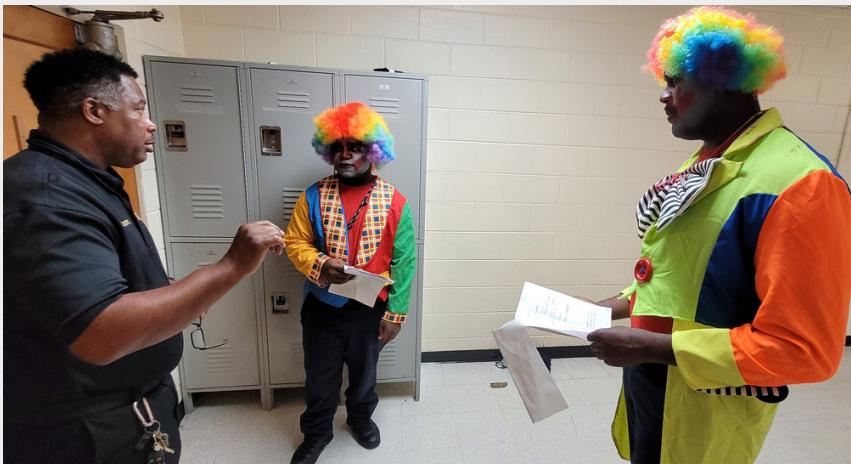


Photo left: Chief Charles Kendrick goes over last minute Script details with Fire Safety Clowns Recruit Delenthius Sidney (left) and Recruit Tevin Smith (far right)

Photo right: Jaylin Blandenberg (center) welcomes students to the Fire Department's Annual Be Cool About Fire Safety event in the East Point City Annex Auditorium.





Happy Birthday

2nd Quarter

Fire Chief Corey Thornton
Deputy Chief William Tate
Asst. Fire Marshal, Chief Quintavius Hill
Battalion Chief Charles Kendrick
EMS Training Chief Timothy Evans
Firefighter Deanna Brown
FAO Christopher Turner
FAO Damien Jones
FAO George Sheffield
Firefighter Chemel Olds
FAO Kenneth Rucker
Firefighter Jose Valdovinos
Firefighter Kristin Shelton
FAO Kenyon Willis
Firefighter Victor Taylor
Firefighter Jaylin Blandenburg
Firefighter Koby Lawrence
Firefighter Tevin Smith
Firefighter Gary Anderson



WISHING YOU A

Happy Birthday

3rd Quarter

Firefighter Ryan Dublin

Lieutenant Robert Paulus

Firefighter Lavell Taplis

FAO Richard Turner

Firefighter Amos Williams

Lieutenant Cedric Chaney

Lt. Douglas Stanley

Lt. Lindsey Cassell

Firefighter Kelwin Lockhart

FAO Scott Zoebisch

Firefighter Desmond Ellis

Firefighter Justin Tolbert

Andre Moore

Homeland Security Manager



HAPPY

Birthday

4th Quarter

Chief Marcus Anderson

FAO Steven Lawing

FAO Earnest Talps

Lieutenant Scott Thompson

Firefighter Kyle Cooper

Lieutenant George Toney

Firefighter Darius Tye

Firefighter Detravivus Wright

Firefighter Kadeem Capers

Firefighter Ky'erra Kelly

Firefighter Gerrell Lilly

Firefighter Ezroy Thompson

Firefighter Demarcus Faust

Firefighter Joseph Hill





THE EAST POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presents



THE ANNUAL

SANTA RIDE ALONG

DECEMBER 17, 2022

TIME AND LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

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*On behalf of the Men and Women of
the City of East Point Fire Department,
I wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous 2023!*

Fire Chief Corey Thornton