



New Officers Within the Department of Fire/EMS Selected

The Department of Fire/EMS is pleased to announce the selection of the Training, Health & Safety Officer and the EMS Officer. These are new positions within the department and according to Director Michael Robinson, "The selection for these positions brought over 20 highly qualified persons through a process which included interviews, written assignments and validation of prior professional experience. I believe that the individuals selected will meet the needs and address the unique dynamics of our developing combination Fire/EMS system."

Both individuals will be reporting on May 12 and will spend their first several weeks getting oriented to our system. They have already begun a review of our structure and many processes. Each of these officers brings decades of service in combination departments as well as their personal experience as volunteers and as career chief officers. "I am confident that they will be an integral component of Carroll County Fire/EMS as we move forward," says Director Robinson.

Both positions will be housed in offices at the Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) and an administrative assistant will be hired to provide the necessary support. Their radio designations will be Safety 100 and EMS 100 respectively. Once they are issued response vehicles, they will have a discretionary response profile in an effort to become oriented to our system.

Meetings and discussions will be held among all involved personnel, including the ESAC and the CCVESA executive board, to assure a smooth transition of both these personnel as well as the many processes that will now be under their management. Our end goal is to increase proficiency and to assure accountability consistent to the Carroll County Government and the Department of Fire/EMS. Contact information for the new hires will be distributed once they begin their employment. Please join us in extending a warm welcome and providing encouragement and support as these officers assimilate into their new positions.

Kevin Fox has been selected as the Training, Health & Safety Officer



Kevin comes to Carroll County after serving in various capacities of Frederick County Maryland's emergency services for over 30 years. He started his career in the Department of Emergency Communications where he was promoted to the position of Assistant Shift Supervisor. Following nine years of service, he transferred to the Division of Fire and Rescue Services. Kevin promoted through every officer ranking within the Division and at the time of his retirement in 2020 was serving as Deputy Chief/Director of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services.

During his Frederick County tenure, Kevin managed the Health and Safety Office for four years. His emphasis during this time was improvements to data capturing and statistics which helped to improve insurance modifiers, increasing cancer prevention initiatives

and improvements to safety-related training programs. Kevin has been a field instructor for MFRI since 2006, teaching fire and emergency medical service disciplines.

In addition, Kevin is a life member of the Guardian Hose Company and Thurmont Community Ambulance Service since 1986, serving in various roles within each department. He is currently employed as the Training and Emergency Management Coordinator at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg.

Michael Stoner has been selected as the EMS Officer



Michael Stoner began his fire service career as a junior firefighter at Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company #1. Mike was hired in 1991 by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he worked as a fire fighter/EMT and Haz-Mat Technician. In May of 1997, Mike was hired by Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue where he began his career as a fire fighter/paramedic and retired as the Battalion Chief of Occupational Safety and Health in 2021 after 24 years of service. During his career he had numerous assignments to include Medical Duty Officer, Station Captain, Captain in EMS Operations, Acting Battalion Chief of EMS Operations, EMS Battalion 3, and Education and Training.

Mike has lived in Carroll County his entire life, growing up on Main Street in Westminster to now residing on the family farm in Harney. Mike has been married to his wife Kathy for 26 years and has two children, a son Austin and daughter Allison. As a family, they raise show pigs for 4-H members and also exhibit nationally at shows in states such as Iowa, Illinois, and Kentucky. Mike also spent many years coaching youth sports and is a supporter of 4-H, FFA, and youth sports in Carroll County and Maryland.

“When I saw the announcement for the EMS Officer position in Carroll County, the decision to apply was easy,” says Stoner. “I wanted the opportunity to return to the county where my fire service career started and offer my knowledge and experience to improve the services to the citizens of the county. I am excited to work with Director Robinson and the CCVESA to make Carroll County a combination fire department that other departments will look to for guidance and direction.”

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