



# THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



**FEBRUARY**

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# Best Wishes



**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL HELMUTH, THE DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ON HIS NEW ROLE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE 911 CENTER, HRECC. PAUL HAS DEDICATED OVER 16 YEARS TO HFD AND HAS BEEN AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE WISH HIM EVERY SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION.**

# PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**AT THE END OF JANUARY AND IN THE MONTH  
OF FEBRUARY WE HAD SEVERAL PROMOTIONS  
AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT**

**CHANDLER HARDY  
WAS REALLOCATED  
FROM FIREFIGHTER II  
TO MASTER  
FIREFIGHTER**

**BATTALION CHIEF  
HUNTER DESPER TOOK  
OVER AS THE LEADER  
OF THE HAZMAT TEAM**

# PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER  
MATTHEW MCCRAY WAS  
PROMOTED TO ACTING  
LIEUTENANT OF B-SHIFT  
STATION 3**

**MAGGIE LANHAM WAS  
REALLOCATED FROM  
FIREFIGHTER TO  
FIREFIGHTER II**

# PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

***FIREFIGHTER GREG  
KIRTLEY REVIEWED HIS  
ADVANCED EMT  
LICENSE***

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**BECKEM COLE**

**FIREFIGHTER**

**TYLER BURGOYNE**

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER**

**CODY FARIFAX**

**FIREFIGHTER**

# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

*MASTER FIREFIGHTER JONAHTAN MCKINNEY, 14 YEARS*

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER RODNEY EAGLE, 11 YEARS**

*FIRE CHIEF MATT TOBIA, 7 YEARS*

**FIREFIGHTER GREG KIRTLEY, 2 YEARS**



# February Milestone Anniversaries



**CHRIS LANTZ**  
**CAPTAIN**  
**20 YEARS**



**JOEL BRADLEY**  
**LIEUTENANT**  
**10 YEARS**



**WESLEY MEADOWS**  
**TRAINING OFFICER**  
**10 YEARS**