

Palm Bay Fire-Rescue Promotes Two



Lieutenant Anthony



Driver/Engineer Zalniski

The above personnel have a combined service time of 17 years. That may not sound like a lot, but, while their service time is short, their enthusiasm, drive, and dedication more than make up for service years. These young men are the future of Palm Bay Fire-Rescue and we are all very proud of what they have achieved in such a short period of time.



Palm Bay Fire-Rescue Promotes Nine

Palm Bay Fire-Rescue is proud to announce the promotion of:

- Richard Acevedo to Lieutenant
- Ken Flickinger to Lieutenant
- Roger Smith to Lieutenant
- Chet Bombriant IV to Driver/Engineer
- Brian Gent to Driver/Engineer
- Michael Kurrus to Driver/Engineer
- Brandon McKee to Driver/Engineer
- Jason Tull to Driver/Engineer
- James Turner to Driver/Engineer





Lt. Richard Acevedo



Lt. Ken Flickinger



Lt. Roger Smith

The above fire personnel have been with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue for a combination of 52 years. They have served on the “Acting” Lieutenant list for a number of years prior to being promoted, and have a great deal of experience at their new positions.



D/E Chet Bombriant IV



D/E Brian Gent



D/E Michael Kurrus

The above fire personnel have been with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue for a combination of 38 years. They have served on the “Acting” Driver/Engineer list for a number of years prior to being promoted, and have a great deal of experience at their new positions.



D/E Brandon McKee



D/E Jason Tull



D/E James Turner

The above fire personnel have been with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue for a combination of 24 years. They have served on the “Acting” Driver/Engineer list for a number of years prior to being promoted, and have a great deal of experience at their new positions.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Firefighter to Driver Engineer

During the month of December, 2010, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue promotes Firefighter John Ringleb to the position of Driver/Engineer.





D/E John Ringleb

D/E John Ringleb came to Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in October of 1995, two years after graduating from the Fire Academy.

D/E Ringleb signed up for Paramedic School, becoming a Solo Paramedic in 2000. He is now an instructor at Florida Medical Training Institute.

He holds an EMS Degree and a number of certifications.

D/E Ringleb is married and has a son that he is extremely proud of.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Two

During the month of June, 2010, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue promotes Driver/Engineer Michael Shervington to Lieutenant, and Firefighter Charles Rogers to the position of Driver/Engineer.





Lt. Michael Shervington

Lt. Shervington came to Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in January of 1989. Lt. Shervington quickly became an integral part of the Department due to his involvement in whatever project needed assistance or guidance.

Lt. Shervington was promoted to Driver Engineer in January of 1996. He has since provided valued insight into the purchase of apparatus and equipment for the Department.

Lt. Shervington serves the Vice President for Rank and File in the IAFF Local 2446.

Lt. Shervington lives in Malabar with his lovely wife and cherished daughter.



Driver/Engineer Charles Roberts

Driver/Engineer Charles Rogers was hired by Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in February of 2007.

Driver/Engineer Rogers took the driver test as soon as he was eligible, scoring 98 out of 100. He looks forward to his new responsibilities with an “I can” outlook.

Driver/Engineer Rogers enjoys fishing, hunting – almost anything that involves the outdoors.

He lives in Palm Bay with his lovely wife and sons.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Firefighter to DE

Palm Bay Fire-Rescue is pleased to announce the promotion of Firefighter/PM John Mellace to the position of Driver Engineer, effective April 2, 2010.



Driver/Engineer John Mellace



Driver /Engineer Mellace started with Palm Bay as a Community Services Assistant in 1999. He then left to attend fire school, receiving his State Certification in December of 2000. He was hired as a Firefighter February 24, 2001.

Driver/Engineer Mellace wished to further his career so he enrolled in Paramedic school. He passed the “Paramedic Solo” test in December, 2004. The next step in his career plan was to test for the position of Driver/Engineer , making the Acting Driver/Engineer list in 2008.

D.E. Mellace is married, and enjoys spending time with his family and being outdoors.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Three

During the month of November, 2009, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue promotes Lieutenant Steve Zades to the position of Career Development and Safety Coordinator, Driver/Engineer Ike Morey to the position of Lieutenant, and Firefighter Richie Acevedo to the position of Driver/Engineer.





CDSC Steve Zades

CDSC Zades began his career as a firefighter with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in September of 1987.

He worked his way up through the ranks, becoming certified as a Solo Paramedic, was promoted to Driver/Engineer, and again to the position of Lieutenant in November, 1993. He returned to his schooling, earning an Associate of Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services, graduating December of 2008.

CDSC Zades has a number of interests, especially music, and has his own band ministry.

CDSC Zades lives in Palm Bay with his lovely wife and two young sons.



Lt. Ike Morey

Lt. Morey began his career with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in January of 1993.

Lt. Morey worked his way up to the rank of Driver/Engineer in April of 2000, and promptly entered the paramedic intern program, receiving his paramedic license in March of 2001.

Lt. Morey has been on the Acting Lieutenant Eligibility List for a number of years, and is excited to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Lt. Morey is an avid motorcyclist, enjoys weight lifting, and is a well respected instructor of Fire Standards at BCC.

Lt. Morey lives in West Melbourne with his lovely wife.

Driver/Engineer Richie Acevedo



Driver/Engineer Acevedo was hired by Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in October of 1994. He served as Firefighter/EMT until March of 2001, when he became a solo paramedic.

Driver Engineer Acevedo also served on the TRT (Technical Rescue Team) and was named Firefighter of the Year 2006.

Driver Engineer Acevedo has a number of interests including basketball, football, and playing the congas. Richie enjoys getting together with his family (his family is most important to him) to play Latin music.

Driver Engineer Acevedo lives in Palm Bay with his lovely wife, and surrounds himself with family as often as possible.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Two

During the month of September, 2009, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue promotes Driver/Engineer Anthony Gianantonio to the position of Lieutenant, and Firefighter Bob Randolph to the position of Driver/Engineer.



Lt. Anthony Gianantonio

Lt. Gianantonio began his career with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in October of 1995. He was promoted to Driver Engineer in 2000, then to Lieutenant in September of 2009.

Lt. Gianantonio was named Firefighter of the Year in 1997, as well as receiving a Meritorious Commendation, a mere two years after he came to the Department.

Lt. Gianantonio comes from a fire family: father Joe is Chief of MVFD, and his mom retired from PBF-R.

Lt. Gianantonio lives in Palm Bay with his wife and two sons.



Driver Engineer Randolph



Driver Engineer Randolph was hired by Palm Bay Fire-Rescue April 16, 2005 as a Firefighter/EMT. He immediately enrolled in a number of fire service courses, and is currently attending paramedic school.

Driver Engineer Randolph entered the fire service a little later in life than most as he was a professional Jai-Alai player prior to completing fire school.

Driver Engineer Randolph lives in Palm Bay with his wife , daughter, and son.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Firefighter Allen Howard to Driver/Engineer



Firefighter/Paramedic Allen Howard began his career with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in February of 2001, and was promoted to Driver/Engineer August, 2009.

Driver/Engineer Howard holds a number of certifications, and continually searches for ways to improve service to the citizens and visitors of Palm Bay.

D/E Howard lives in Palm Bay with his wife and daughter.

Fire-Rescue Promotes Two

During the month of April, 2009, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue promotes Driver/Engineer Ben Kiszkiel to the position of Lieutenant, and Firefighter Cheryl Parente to the position of Driver/Engineer.





Lieutenant Benjamin Kiszkiel

Lt. Ben Kiszkiel began his career with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in September, of 1989, rising to the rank of Driver/Engineer in 1996.

Lt. Kiszkiel holds a number of certifications , serves on the TRT (Technical Rescue Team), and has a number of complimentary letters in his personnel file. He has also served as the IAFF Local #2446 President.

Lt. Kiszkiel lives in Palm Bay with his wife and children.



Driver/Engineer Cheryl Parente

D/E Cheryl Parente began her career with Palm Bay Fire-Rescue in January of 1997, and is the fourth female driver in the Department's history.

D/E Parente is a Paramedic (PBF-R's only female paramedic), serves as a field training medic, and holds a number of certifications. She is also an instructor for Brevard Community College on her days off.

D/E Parente resides in Palm Bay with her husband, son, and their Dalmatians.

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