



Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System



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80 First Responders Graduate Fire Rescue Training

Leesburg, VA. - The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System is honored to announce the graduation of 80 first responders personnel who successfully completed various levels of fire and rescue training. A graduation ceremony was held on Monday, March 25th, 2019 at Heritage High School in Leesburg and recognized the accomplishments of numerous men and women who have made the commitment to serve their communities.

Eight students completed the Emergency Medical Responder course, 22 completed the Emergency Medical Technician, 10 completed the advanced EMT course, 15 completed the paramedic course, and 24 students completed the Firefighter I-II course. All of the graduates spent countless hours over the last six months in demanding training programs preparing for Loudoun County, Virginia State and National Certification examinations.

System Chief Keith H. Johnson, Board of Supervisor Chair At-Large Phyllis Randall, Leesburg District Supervisor Kristen Umstatted, Algonkian District Supervisor Suzanne Volpe, and County Administrator Tim Hemstreet attended the ceremony to recognize the graduates. Chair Randall addressed the graduates, recognizing them as true heroes in our community and urged our heroes to reach out for help when they need support in this stressful occupation. "You are worth it, those who love you are worth it, and we need you," said Randall.

Supervisor Umstatted recounted her personal experience of how fire rescue personnel came to the aide and provided emergency care to her loved ones. "Our anxiety disappears when you arrive because we have confidence in your skills and abilities," said Umstatted. All speakers graciously thanked the graduates for their time and dedication given to the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System.

During the ceremony each class coordinator presented awards to the top student in each class. Top students are chosen for their high level of dedication, academic performance, punctuality, and their ability to lead and motivate others. The top students recognized during the ceremony included: Emergency Medical Responder: Gabriel Fulton, Round Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue; Emergency Medical Technician: Nicholas Mets, Leesburg Volunteer Fire; Advanced Emergency Medical Technician: Amanda Palmieri, Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad; Emergency Medical Technician to Paramedic : Cody Simpson, Loudoun County Fire Rescue; Intermediate to Paramedic: Jason Dice, Loudoun County Fire Rescue; Firefighter I-II: James Biddle, Sterling Volunteer Fire Company.

Photo and full listing of graduates below.

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March 2019 Top Students



Top Student Photo L-R: Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator; Leesburg District Supervisor Kristin Umstatt; Chair Phyllis Randall BOS; James Biddle Sterling Fire; Gabriel Fulton Round Hill Fire-Rescue; Nicholas Mets Leesburg Fire; Amanda Palmieri Purcellville Rescue; Cody Simpson Loudoun County Fire Rescue; Chief Keith Johnson Loudoun County Combined Fire-Rescue System. Photo credit: Gary Corpuz.

Full Name	Agency	Certification
Kelly Ashley	Purcellville Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Ryan Carroll	Purcellville Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Mark Hakey	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Alexandra Hollar	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Advance EMT
Melissa Jennings	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Advance EMT
Amanda Palmieri	Purcellville Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Lori Parsons	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Advance EMT
Robert Shaffer	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Philip Trankovich	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Christopher Wolney	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Advance EMT
Jason Breen	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Responder
Ian Evans	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Responder
Gabriel Fulton	Round Hill Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Responder
Changxing Lu	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Responder
Tyler Martin	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Responder

Teamwork * Integrity * Professionalism * Service

Full Name	Agency	Certification
Nicholas McGuinness	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Responder
Keenan Plunnecke	Hamilton Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Responder
Danial Rafique	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Responder
Raymond Barrientos	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Hunter Berryhill	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Technician
Wyatt Claudy	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Technician
Jason Downs	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Technician
Kyle Eble	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Jason Grover	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Technician
Morgan Harrison	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Sophia Kammann	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Michael Keenan	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Emmanuella Kumi	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Pallavi Mathur	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Robert Mays	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Austin Maze	Purcellville Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Technician
Jordan Mazza	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Nicholas Mets	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Technician
Mohammed Monam	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Michael Probst	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Samantha Seballos	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Manjot Singh	Arcola Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Nathan Stroud	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Emergency Medical Technician
Courtney Sunderland	Sterling Volunteer Rescue	Emergency Medical Technician
Michael Williams	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Emergency Medical Technician
Sean Burrows	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Kathryn Davidson	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Alexandra Dessyatova	Loudoun Volunteer Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Toni Ann Gambale	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Julie Hoffman	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Joel Holsteen	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Andrew Jenkins	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Stephen Leighton	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Cody Simpson	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Christopher Turner	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Anthony Vasquez	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	EMT-Paramedic
Erik K Beasley	Purcellville Volunteer Fire	Firefighter II
James M Biddle	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Carssen Burrill	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II

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Sara J Cuschleg	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
David A Estevez	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Gabriel S. Fowler	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Daniel F. Herdman	Arcola Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
Lakshmi K. Jagarlamudi	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Umair Javed	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Joshua V King	Purcellville Volunteer Fire	Firefighter II
Alexander M. Long	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Daniel T. Mann	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Isaac B Montano	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Joshua V Ohanian	Leesburg Volunteer Fire	Firefighter II
Patrick Pomata	Purcellville Volunteer Fire	Firefighter II
Erik G. Ragan	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
Bretton C. Reiser	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Andrew Riddiford	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
Roman Sandler	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Brian C. Schultz	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
Alphonso L Smith	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Kevin J. Tanler	Ashburn Volunteer Fire-Rescue	Firefighter II
Morgan N. Urick	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Josue Vallejo-Coello	Sterling Volunteer Fire Co.	Firefighter II
Justin Brabson	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	Intermediate to Paramedic
Robert Cunningham	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	Intermediate to Paramedic
Jason Dice	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	Intermediate to Paramedic
Tanya Redman	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	Intermediate to Paramedic
Nathan Wise	Loudoun County Fire Rescue	Intermediate to Paramedic

For more information about the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System visit www.loudoun.gov/fire or to learn about fire and rescue volunteer opportunities visit www.OpenNewDoors.org.

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