



WARRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

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Chief Stevens & President Marable,

As you know the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (WVFC) requested emergency staffing on Friday July 30, 2021. This was due to an emergent staffing need that had risen due to the lack of volunteers available during the days leading up to and the current situation. With the current staffing that the Town of Warrenton provides the Citizens we simply could not perform to the standard that the Citizens deserve and need. At that time the career Medic Unit was moved from the EMS station located at our Hospital Drive location to our West Shirley Avenue location. Theoretically we were staffing all of Warrenton apparatus with one Town Firefighter and the crew from the Medic Unit (Medic 1). Medic 1 as you know is staffed daily with two Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Management (DFREM). With the call volume of emergency responses for that unit it was quickly realized that we were not providing an adequate service.

Sunday August 1, 2021 Fauquier County provided three personnel consisting of an Officer, Driver and a Firefighter on a daily basis for a "30" day trial basis to address our immediate needs. At that time, the Town Manager allowed us to adjust the Town positions to ensure one of our Town Career Personnel would be here daily. Immediately a meeting between Acting Fire Chief Sam Myers, Captain Woodward and Lieutenant Hayes was held and a plan was generated to ensure the newly placed County Personnel would be delivering the same service as what the Town Career Personnel and the Volunteer Members were delivering to the Citizens. Also quickly we identified that due to logistics and other factors Medic 1 would be moved back to the Hospital Drive location. This decision was made by Acting Fire Chief Myers after consulting with the affected Staff Members.


During the September 13, 2021 Monthly Business Meeting the election for Fire Chief took place and I was elected by the Membership as their Fire Chief for the current term ending December 2022. Also, a presentation detailing all of the information was presented to the Membership by Assistant Fire Chief Myers and UNANIMOUSLY the WVFC decided to continue the staffing plan of three DFREM personnel daily. A second

motion was made and it also was UNANIMOUSLY decided by the Membership that Medic 1 would continue to be housed at our Hospital Drive location.

Since the decision to bring extra staffing to the WVFC the Town of Warrenton Career Personnel, DFREM Career Personnel and the Volunteer WVFC Members have worked hand in hand. We are currently offering a better service to the Citizens of the Town of Warrenton/Fauquier County and the visitors who travel into our areas of coverage. Obviously we were in a bad spot in the history of our Department but today because of you are your Team we are growing and thriving.

We look forward to working with you, the Other Volunteer Fire & Rescue Departments, and the Board of Supervisors to ensure the best service is delivered to the Citizens and Visitors to our Community. We have committed to Fauquier County for over 100 years and that will never change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Swain", with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the signature.

James K. Swain (Kevin)
Fire Chief